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NO NEW AIRSHIPS FOR BRITAIN.

Cardington As Nucleus
of Investigation.

R.100 TO BE RETAINED.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Prime Minister made an important statement regarding British Airship policy in the House of Commons this evening. He said that it was perfectly obvious after the deplorable accident of the R.101 that the whole policy and programme should be reviewed, and the Government had turned with a good deal of expectation to the report compiled after the extraordinary patience and most powerful examination of the case by the Committee over which Sir John Simon presided.

The position in which the Government found themselves at the moment was this—the airship up-to-date had neither proved a failure nor achieved an assured success. The position to-day was that Britain had one airship, the R.100, which was very much out of condition by lack of use. Assuming that the R.100 was retained, there would be no idea of long and spectacular flights. It would be a sort of experimental ship.

There was a whole field of unsolved problems that ought to be investigated. The R.100, reconditioned, would be most useful for testing and investigating and would provide for the keeping of a nucleus staff. This would cost £120,000 in the second year and the peak figure would be £140,000. The view of the Government was that this scheme should be adopted. The scheme must be revised and reviewed thoroughly at the end of three, or at outside, four years.—British Wireless Service.

Another Report.

London, Yesterday.
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in the House of Commons to-day announced that no new airships would be built. Cardington would be kept as the nucleus of scientific investigation, and the R.100 would be retained as an experimental airship.—Reuter.

DRAMATIST DEAD.

AUTHOR OF OVER THIRTY
STAGE SUCCESSSES.

MR. DAVID BELASCO.

New York, Yesterday.
The death is announced to-day of Mr. David Belasco, the American theatrical producer and dramatist, in his seventy-second year.—Reuter's American Service.

[Mr. Belasco was born in San Francisco in 1859, both of his parents being British. His first production was "Lord Chumley," in 1887, followed by "Madame Butterfly," "The Music Master," "The Darling of the Gods," and many other well-known plays. He himself wrote over thirty plays of all kinds, his latest being "Laugh, Clown, Laugh," which was adapted for the film.]

MORE STOWAWAYS.

Two natives of Estonia, Ernest Tollman and Voldemar Kukke, pleaded "guilty" at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning to stowing away on the s.s. Lahn from Singapore.

Both men expressed a wish to go to Shanghai where they could see the Estonian Consul.

Sub-Inspector Elson asked for a week's remand in custody, which was granted.

MARINERS WARNED.

The following notice to mariners was posted at the Harbour Office yesterday afternoon:

Mariners and others are warned that the end of the breakwater recently constructed at Cheungshan will not be marked by day or lighted by night.

GUNNER CHARGED WITH LARCENY.

Yielded to Sudden
Temptation.

GOOD RECORD.

Gunner Gardner, of the R.A., was charged in the Kowloon Police Court this morning with the larceny of a silver watch and a key from a boat in the harbour, the property of Yeung Ng, mistress of the boat.

Defendant pleaded "guilty" and said that he felt a sudden temptation come over him. It was stated that defendant was out in a rowing boat, with other men, and as the boat passed the complainant's sampan, defendant reached across and snatched a cigarette tin which contained the watch and key. He was seen afterward on board a German ship, the s.s. Dory, with five companions. When arrested by Sergeant Cameron, he produced the stolen articles.

No Right to Take It.

Sub-Inspector Elston said that it had been suggested that the man thought it was a tin of cigarettes.

Mr. Hamilton:—Even so, he had no right to take it, and also on finding the watch he should not have kept it.

An officer of the R.A. said that Gardner's record in the East had been generally good.

In view of that, Mr. Hamilton said he would deal leniently with the matter, and imposed a fine of \$25, or, in default a month's imprisonment. Defendant was allowed 24 hours to pay the fine.

JOY RIDING.

CAR TAKEN OUT WITHOUT
PERMISSION.

TRIP TO REPULSE BAY.

A young Chinese appeared before Mr. W. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning, summoned for driving a private car in Bonham Road on April 29 without the permission of the owner or licensee. He pleaded guilty.

Traffic Sub-Inspector Nicoll said that, on receipt of a telephone message, he went to the Government Civil Police garage, where he was informed by Mr. F. Anslow that his car had been taken out.

The Inspector searched till 2 a.m. but found no trace of the vehicle. The next morning Mr. Anslow called at the Traffic Office, and explained that the car had been returned.

Permission Given?

Defendant said that on several previous occasions he had been granted Mr. Anslow's permission to drive the car, but on that night he telephoned Mr. Anslow but he was out, and so he (defendant) thought that Mr. Anslow would not mind if he took the car out.

Inspector Nicoll (to the Magistrate): He has been instructing Mr. Anslow to drive.

The Magistrate (to defendant): What did you use the car for?

Defendant: I just went to Repulse Bay for a drive.

His Worship: Was the car in good condition when returned?

Inspector Nicoll: There was nothing wrong with it.

Replying to his Worship, Mr. Anslow said that it was a habit of his (Mr. Anslow's) to note the mileage of the car, and that night defendant must have driven for about 29 miles.

Prevalence of Cases.
Inspector Nicoll remarked to the Bench that during the past twelve months, there had been about 30 cases, where cars had been taken without the permission of the owners. There had been five cases in Kowloon, where the owners were reluctant to prosecute. "This is the first case we have had in which the owner comes to Court," he concluded.

A fine of \$20 was imposed. Prosecuting the Chinese driver of a public vehicle, for speeding, Inspector Nicoll said that he drove from the Chinese bathing sheds at Shaikwan to the east gate of the Tai Koo Docks at a speed of about 30 miles an hour. Defendant's vehicle passed another motor car and a tramcar.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$20. For carrying seven passengers in excess, the Chinese conductor of an Aberdeen bus was fined \$5.

FATAL ACCIDENT IN QUEEN'S ROAD.

Coolie Knocked Down
by Hotel Bus.

VIEW OBSCURED.

A fatal accident occurred in Queen's Road Central at 4.55 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

A Hong Kong Hotel bus was proceeding in an easterly direction when, at the junction of Peel Street, a Chinese coolie, who was carrying boxes on his right shoulder, thus obscuring any view of the oncoming vehicle, ran across the road and was knocked down by the left front mudguard of the bus. He died soon afterward.

Another Mishap.

Another motor mishap occurred in Waterloo Road at 8.20 o'clock this morning, when a motor lorry, which was travelling westward, turned north into Peace Avenue, a little past Ho Mun Tin Street. A nullah made the turn very sharp, causing a coolie who was sitting with two others on the back of the lorry to fall heavily to the ground. He was picked up in an unconscious condition, and was driven to the Kowloon Hospital in the lorry. He is reported to be in a serious condition.

UNEMPLOYMENT.

"EATING INTO THE NATION'S
LIFE AND COURAGE."

"Unemployment is the only feature in the life of Britain of which I am afraid," said Sir John Ferguson, M.P., former president of the Institute of Bankers and a member of the Government Unemployment Grants Committee, when addressing members of the Junior Constitutional Club, Piccadilly, on "A business man's view of the industrial crisis."

The business year of 1930, he said, had been more difficult than any year since 1921, when the country suffered from the aftermath of inflation, which left us suffering from very severe depression.

To-day unemployment was eating into the life and courage of the nation. Work which was put before the unemployed must be before of economic value. In the North of England it was impossible to find any way out.

The Only Remedy.
To give a man money for nothing was to do him the greatest possible harm. The present expenditure for the relief of the unemployed was devastatingly destructive to the soul of the nation.

Social services, given with a free hand, would wreck the next Budget. The only way the country could be saved was by increasing export trade and ending dumping. Dumping made the nation look simply silly in the eye of the foreigner. To survive the country must have a tariff system at home and power to negotiate commercial treaties.

Methods and machinery must at once be overhauled.

STOP PRESS

London, To-day.
A Conservative amendment has been tabled for the rejection of the Finance Bill when it comes up for a second reading in the House of Commons on May 19, principally based on opposition to land tax proposals.

London, To-day.
Feeling is running high in Nelson, Lancashire, in connection with the weaving employers' resolve to increase the looms per man to eight. The Weavers' Association last night organised a demonstration of 20,000 workers, in which the Mayor of Nelson and several Councilors participated.—Reuter.

Batavia, To-day.
The British Tobacco Company has decided drastically to economise in its Java factories. The Sourabaya factory will be closed, resulting in the dismissal of 2,000 natives, and the construction of the Semarang factory will be stopped. The Batavia distribution branch will remain unchanged.—Reuter.

Hamburg, April 23.
The first flight made with a plane fitted out with a "Juno Four" motor—the crude oil motor tested on Wednesday—was made on Thursday between Berlin and Hamburg, and proved completely successful. The flight was accomplished in less than two hours, only necessitating the use of 80 litres of fuel as against the 150 normally used.

FAILED TO REPORT.

CHINESE KNOCKED DOWN BY
MOTOR CYCLE.

FINE IMPOSED.

Mr. W. J. Simpson, of No. 1, Edward Building, Prince Edward Road, was charged in the Kowloon Police Court this morning with failing to report to the Police within a reasonable time after colliding with and injuring Yip Ngai-lin in Nathan Road at 4.25 p.m. on April 28, and also with failing to have two independent and efficient brakes on his motor cycle on April 30.

A fine of \$10 was imposed on the first count, but owing to an error in the form of the second summons, it was dismissed.

LIFE SAVING.

CLASSES AT THE CENTRAL
POLICE STATION.

Classes for instruction in life saving are being conducted at the Central Police Station Gymnasium and at the Police Training School, Mongkok, every Tuesday and Friday at 5 p.m.

Books on the subject of life saving are now available and can be had, by those interested, on application to Sergeant R. J. Hunt, Central Police Station.

EUROPEAN FINED.

DRIVING A CAR WITHOUT A
LICENCE.

Mr. W. R. Davies, of No. 5, Prince Edward Road, attached to the Flying Club, pleaded "guilty" at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning to driving a private car in Sai Kung Road at 11.15 a.m. on April 15, without an appropriate driver's licence.

A fine of \$25 was imposed.

COXSWAINS FINED.

PASSENGERS IN EXCESS OF
NUMBER ALLOWED.

Two coxswains of steam launches carrying pilgrims to Chekwan for the Tin Hau (Goddess of Mercy) festival, were to-day charged before Comdr. J. B. Newell, in the Marine Court, with carrying passengers in excess of the numbers allowed by their licences. Both admitted the charges.

One launch had 213 passengers on board, an excess of 123, whilst the other carried 166 passengers, an excess of 85.

The Magistrate imposed fines of \$100 each.

REVOLUTION IN AVIATION.

Successful Test Of Crude Oil
Motor.

Berlin, April 22.
An epoch-making discovery, which experts describe as a veritable revolution in aviation, was tried out by Junkers to-day, Wednesday, on the Tempelhof airfield, Berlin. It consists of a crude-oil motor named "Juno Four." The tests were brilliantly successful. With an equal weight of fuel an airplane fitted out with the new motor sees its radius of action increased by 47 per cent. The fuel costs are decreased by 65 per cent. The danger of fire in case the plane crashes is practically eliminated, which leads to a substantial reduction in the insurance rate being made possible. The veteran of aviation, Professor Junkers, personally presented this latest wonder of German technical achievement to an assembly comprising representatives of the authorities, of the aviation companies, scientists, engineers, and the Press.

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ALLEGED MURDER OF SEPTUAGENARIAN.

Blood-Stained Chopper
Found in Sampan.

ROBBERY NOT MOTIVE.

In connection with the murder of Wong Chik-yau, aged 75 years, in Cheung Chau harbour yesterday, it is stated that the victim had an evening meal with his son in a hut on Wednesday. The next morning, he rowed out into the harbour at about 8 o'clock. Half an hour later, an empty sampan was found on the beach near Tai Shok Hau, with a quantity of blood on the boards and a blood-stained chopper.

About a mile distant from this place, the body of the murdered man, with a large wound on the right side of the neck, was found on a beach near Sai Wan. Nothing appeared to have been stolen.

TRESPASSERS.

LARCENY OF CLOTHING FROM
STONECUTTERS.

Three Chinese, Pau Tat-sing, Wong Wing-hung and Tse Shu, were charged at the Kowloon Police Court to-day with trespassing on Stonecutters Island. The first two defendants were also charged with the larceny of a suit of clothing and a pair of trousers from a canteen boy in the R. A. Mess.

The first two defendants pleaded guilty and were sent to jail for one month with hard labour on the larceny charge and cautioned for trespassing.

Tse Shu pleaded that he had been taken there by second defendant, who had promised to find him a job in the Mess.

In convicting Mr. Hamilton said he was imposing a fine of \$2 to remind him that he could not go to Stonecutters Island even if he had been promised a job.

FOOLISH FLYING.

Lady Heath's Licence
Withheld.

Because she swooped down in her plane to within 20 feet of photographers to help them in taking film pictures of her, United States officials have temporarily withheld the flying licence earned by Lady Heath, the British airwoman, who has recently started flying again after recovering from the accident in which she was injured early last year.

She had successfully passed the written and flight tests, and had re-entered the machine for another flight while waiting for her licence to be issued.

Inspector O. P. Harwood told her that such flying was dangerous and foolish.

Lady Heath will be granted a licence and will then be "grounded" for 15 days.

FINE TO SHOWERY.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states:—

The northern depression has deepened and is moving eastward toward Korea.

The southern depression now extends from Yunnan to the N.E. of Formosa.

Forecast:—Variable winds; moderate; fine to showery.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day—0.52 inch. Total since January 1—16.34 inches against an average of 16.16 inches—surplus 0.18 inch.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	75
Macao	77
Pratas Island	78
Manila	79
Foochow	72
Amoy	72
Chefoo	54
Shanghai	63

THE MEN WHO DIED AFTER KUT FELL.

All Buried in Bagdad
War Cemetery.

A MOVING STORY.

London, April 14.
Sir Fabian Ware, Permanent Vice-Chairman of the Imperial War Graves Commission, who has just returned from a special inspection of the British War Graves in India and Mesopotamia, talked with an Evening News correspondent to-day about what he had seen on his tour. He said: "I went particularly to see the section in the British Cemetery in Bagdad in which we have tenderly buried our men who died at the hands of the Turks after the surrender of Kut."

"This story of the work of the Imperial War Graves Commission has never yet been told. It is one of the most moving in all the history of the War."

"Quite simply, what we have done is to search for, and bring in, all those British and Indian soldiers whose sufferings were, in part, described by Arnold Wilson in his book 'Loyalties,' and who since the Armistice had been lying unrecognised and unhonoured throughout Asia Minor."

"Major Wilson's book, frank as it was, was unable fully to describe the sufferings of these men. They suffered intolerably, incredibly. They were tortured and neglected inhumanly. It is a ghastly story of neglect."

"It took us six months to find the bodies. There were five hundred of them."

"We had no desire to re-open old wounds. We only wanted, without giving offence to the Turks, to gather our men together and place them in one common resting-place."

"Tenderly we brought them through Syria to Bagdad. As we passed through each village, the French inhabitants turned out and solemnly greeted the cortege."

"In the British cemetery at Bagdad we laid them in a section of their own; few people knew of their burial. Their lot until then had been unrecognised. Now they lie together."

Briton and Indian.

"We are trying to decide on some inscription to be placed at the entrance to the cemetery. Again we want, without giving offence to anyone, to choose an inscription that is particularly apposite."

"All the headstones will be the same. There will be no difference between British and Indian soldiers."

"As I stood looking at the rows of white gravestones I noticed that one father had already marked an inscription on the grave of his boy:—

"These are they that came out of great tribulation. And you will choose that?" Sir Fabian was asked.

"I cannot say yet," he answered. "It is worth taking some time to decide."

"This is the first time I have inspected the war graves in Mesopotamia," Sir Fabian continued. "Do you know that, after France, our greatest casualties were there—50,000 dead?"

"I have never felt as proud of the work that my commissions are doing as in Mesopotamia among alien peoples."

"Nothing has a greater political significance than the respect, care, and love with which the British are tending their dead. I have seen Arabs and Turks and Indians peering through the gates of the cemeteries and marvelling!"

"We have made for our dead little oases in the desert. I am enormously impressed, too, by the work of our soldiers and civilians on the Indian frontier. It is beyond all praise. It is what one would call 'pure Kipling,' but it seems to me that every student of practical politics in India should begin his studies on the frontier."

KAYE DON.

Rugby, Yesterday.
In a satisfactory trial run on Lake Garda last night, Kaye Don in his speedboat Miss England II travelled over a hundred miles an hour.

He will probably attempt to improve on his world's record to-morrow.—British Wireless Service.

GERMAN WHO SAVED HIS LIFE.

Major's Correspondence
with Former Enemy.

PLANS FOR MEETING.

A British officer, whose life was saved by a German officer, hopes to meet his war-time adversary at an early date. Both are looking forward to it.

The British officer—Major C. B. Arnold, of Llandudno—received a letter from Captain Ernst Ritter von Moravic—the Major, regarding the German as "a good sport," invited him to visit him. The reply, which has just been received, was as follows:—

"My Dear Comrade Arnold,—With the greatest pleasure and many thanks, I received the account of your recollections translated by my mother-in-law. Unfortunately, I have forgotten all the English I learnt in my early days. All the same, I trust this will be overlooked by my war friend and former opponent."

Facing Death.

"Ere long I will send you newspaper cuttings which no doubt will be most interesting. They are some which I kept, and one is where your damaged tank is being hauled behind our lines and where our prisoners of war stood. At the time of your capture I thought your end had arrived, never thinking that you would pass through alive. However, through it all, I commanded my lieutenant to transport you to the rear in double quick time, which saved the situation and incidentally your life."

"The soldier you wounded with your butt-end [the German word, used is kolben] was allowed to fall behind the lines, and was shown pity by your countrymen."

"As soon as business improves, I shall take the first opportunity, alone with my wife, to visit Britain and, of course, will pay you a visit. This I hope will be next year. On demobilisation I entered politics in the Bavarian State, and must arrange this year for next Summer's holiday. Perhaps, you will be in a position to pay a visit to Germany, in which case I shall be very pleased to see you and entertain you as my only war comrade."

"In the hope to hear from you again at your earliest opportunity; I am your faithful friend, Ernst Ritter von Moravic."

Major Arnold states that he has no recollection of hitting anyone with the butt-end of his revolver, as he was too "done-up" when captured. His recollections are somewhat confused.

Ready to be Shot.

His capture occurred after he had been advancing for twelve hours in the whippet tank which he commanded. Nine reserve cans of petrol outside had been perforated by machine-gun fire, and these caught on fire, sending a cascade of flaming liquid over the rear door. The fumes nearly overpowered the Major and his two companions, and when two explosions brought the tank to a standstill, they, with their clothing on fire, dashed from the door.

The grass at their feet was ablaze, and they rolled on the ground to put out the flames. A wing of German infantry was advancing on them, firing from the hip. One of Major Arnold's companions fell dead. As the Germans rushed forward, Major Arnold rose to his knees and received a bayonet thrust in the hand. He then fell unconscious from a clubbed rifle blow. He can recall being laid later against a bank presumably to be shot, when a bearded German came on the scene with outstretched arms and took Major Arnold and his companion in charge, conducting them to divisional headquarters.

FALSE ACCOUNTS?

ALLEGATION AGAINST FORMER
AUDITOR.

London, Yesterday.
Two summonses have been served on the former auditor of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, Harold John Morland, who is charged with aiding and abetting Lord Kylsant in issuing a false statement of accounts in the years 1928-7.

Morland has declined to discuss the matter.—Reuter.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 6th floor on SATURDAY, the 16th day of May, 1931, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts for the period ended 31st December, 1930, to elect Auditors, and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

And Notice is further hereby given that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 9th to the 16th day of May, 1931, both days inclusive.

Hong Kong, 30th April, 1931.
LIANG CHI-HAO,
Managing Director.

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The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 19th May, 1931, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON &
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Hong Kong, 28th April, 1931.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

G. R.
SALE OF STEAM VESSEL
POLLY.

TENDERS are invited up to the 25th May, 1931, for the purchase of the above named vessel as she lies in the basin at H.M. Naval Depot, Kowloon.

Full particulars of the vessel and conditions of sale, and permits to view, may be obtained on application to the Naval Store Officer, H.M. Dockyard, Hong Kong, and tender forms will be issued on payment of a deposit of \$200 returnable when decision on the tenders has been reached.

The vessel will be on view at H.M. Naval Depot, Kowloon, from the 2nd May.

The vessel is sold without restrictions as to future use.

Tenders will be received in the office of the Naval Store Officer, H.M. Dockyard, Hong Kong, up to noon on Monday, 25th May, 1931.

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SPORT NOTICES

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY
CLUB.

THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 16th May, 1931, commencing at 2.30 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5 for Gentlemen and \$3 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all debts, &c.

Badges, admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain upon application to the Secretary badges (limited to ONE) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2 including tax, for all persons including ladies and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted half price.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, &c., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffin will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 9th May, 1931.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY
CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF VOTING MEMBERS will be held at the Club House, Happy Valley, on WEDNESDAY, 27th May, 1931, at 5.15 p.m.

All members are cordially invited to attend and participate in any discussion which may ensue.

AND NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Voting Members of the Hong Kong Jockey Club will be held at the Club House on the 27th day of May, 1931, immediately after the half-yearly meeting of the Voting Members when the proposed resolution will be proposed.

That Article 6 of the Articles of Association of the Club be altered by deleting therefrom the words "Ordinary Members may be unlimited in number" and substituting therefor the words "The number of Ordinary Members shall be one thousand two hundred or such greater number as the Voting Members shall from time to time determine."

AND NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that a Further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Voting Members of the Club will be held at the same place on WEDNESDAY, the Seventeenth Day of June, 1931, at a quarter past five o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of receiving a Report of the proceedings at the above mentioned meeting and of confirming if thought fit as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.

By Order of the Stewards,
C. B. BROWN,
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Hong Kong, 14th May, 1931.

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HOW A "GO SLOW"
STRIKE WORKS.Crates Handled Like
Jewels.

STATION OF PEACE.

He scratched his head. He had a jolly, ruby countenance, with a shock of fair and twinkling eyes. He scratched his head and grinned, and smiled at me with a smile of comic helplessness.

"Well, sir, I'm blown if I know, come to that! It's like this 'ere." He frowned, took a deep breath, and tried to explain.

"You 'as to go slow, see? Right. Well, s'pose you're shifting a crate—see? First you eyes the crate and say to your mate, 'Bill, 'ere's a crate,' and he says, 'Well, I never,' or at least my mate does."

"You approach the lorry sort of aimless, see, and you lift that crate like it was a new-born baby. You takes time."

"You rest it gentle on the ground, and then you go and find a barrier that'd hold it better than the barrier you got—see?"

"You 'as trouble finding the barrier, and when you make up your mind to use the barrier you 'ad first, you've done in about ten minutes too much—see?"

"That's 'going slow'?" I inquired.

"No—working to rule, we call it," grinned my instructor.

Strike Technique.

More than 1,000 railwaymen have declared a "go-slow" strike as a protest against the N.U.R.'s acceptance of the National Wages Board's awards.

I made a tour of the affected depots to study the technique of this unusual strike.

I went to Broad Street Station. Daily it is the roaring, shrieking home of a thousand clatters and a million smells.

But now it was a temple of sweet peace, a railway station of Lotus Land!

A lorry full of fish arrived at the goods station.

Now, there is nothing artistic about a lorry full of fish but those railwaymen treated it like a rare orchid fallen into the gutter from the open window of some speeding limousine!

A picket approached the lorry. He was a young man, with a cigarette in his mouth and an air of old-fashioned courtesy which was quite pleasing.

"What you got?" said the picket. "Fish," snapped the lorry driver. "Any 'chips'?" asked the picket politely.

Then they held a short causerie on the ethics of striking, and the prospects of Birmingham in the Cup Final. A jolly policeman joined them and they had a charming little chat.

"Ah, well," said the lorry driver, "must get on."

He tapped on a shut gate. After about five minutes a head popped out, and said, "what you got?"

"Fish," said the lorry driver. "Fish?" inquired the head. "Yus," said the lorry driver.

"Not 'Art."

After another interval two men approached the lorry. Carefully they slid out a crate . . . delicately they placed it on the ground.

"Steady with your end, Joe, we don't want to dint it, do we?"

"Not 'art we don't."

A jeweller embedding a fair pearl in velvet could not have treated that load of fish with more delicacy. It was beautiful to watch.

And in the old days railwaymen only needed a sight of "This End Up," "Glass With Care" or "Use No Hooks," to leap with cries of hindish glee upon a package and dash it on the concrete.

But now they read the inscriptions with care several times, and the "Dead March" is a Highland fling compared with the speed they use in transporting the contents—D.D. in Daily Express.

BRAZIL'S "FAIRY"
CAPITAL.City of Luxury, Beauty,
and Pleasure.

RIO DE JANEIRO.

Rio de Janeiro, where the Prince of Wales and Prince George stayed on their South American tour, is often described as a "fairy" city. Its rapid growth—thirty years ago it was described as a "town that is a mere chessboard of shabby narrow streets"—seems to suggest the touch of a magic wand, writes a Daily Express correspondent.

I have seen in Rio the most beautiful women in the world, with their great dark eyes, little straight noses, flashing teeth, and the exquisite oval of their faces.

The well-to-do Brazilian woman's life is devoted to the pursuit of pleasure and personal adornment. The glittering shops on the Avenida Rio Branco seem to be designed solely for her delight.

Brazilians are extremely pleasure-loving. The gaming tables, dancing, and horse racing form an important part of the national life.

The hotels are enormous and most luxurious. The "palace" where I stayed at Copacabana had its own theatre and casino, and a large galleried ball-room. In the Chinese restaurant, with its illuminated glass dancing floor, the tables were a mass of orchids, and expensive souvenirs were given away nightly to the guests.

It is curiously indicative of the Brazilian's love of magnificent and spectacular buildings that although the municipal theatre is an imposing affair, with its restaurant, pillars of Italian marble, bronze doors, stained-glass windows, domed roof and vast stage, the auditorium is comparatively small and the seating capacity extremely limited.

It is not the theatre of which the native of Rio is proudest, or its palatial hotels, or the imposing Avenida Rio Branco. It is not even the famous bay or the mountains that encircle the city.

It is the five-mile promenade of white marble that he loves, with its chain of electric lights. It is said that they can be seen forty miles away at sea on a clear night.

They call this "the necklace of jewels."

Many of the cabarets, dancing and gaming halls do not open until midnight, for it is then that the real night life of Rio begins.

When you enter this "fairy" city you obtain an immediate impression of wealth in the extravagant homes of the millionaires, the jewellery displayed by the woman, and their elegant clothes. Even the taxi-cabs plying for hire look like sumptuous private motor-cars.

Rio suggests glamour and romance. But if you want to have a good time in this "fairy" city . . . it cannot be done on "fairy" gold!

CAVENDISH CLUB IN DANGER.

Meeting To Consider Its
Future.

Yet another West End club is facing crisis.

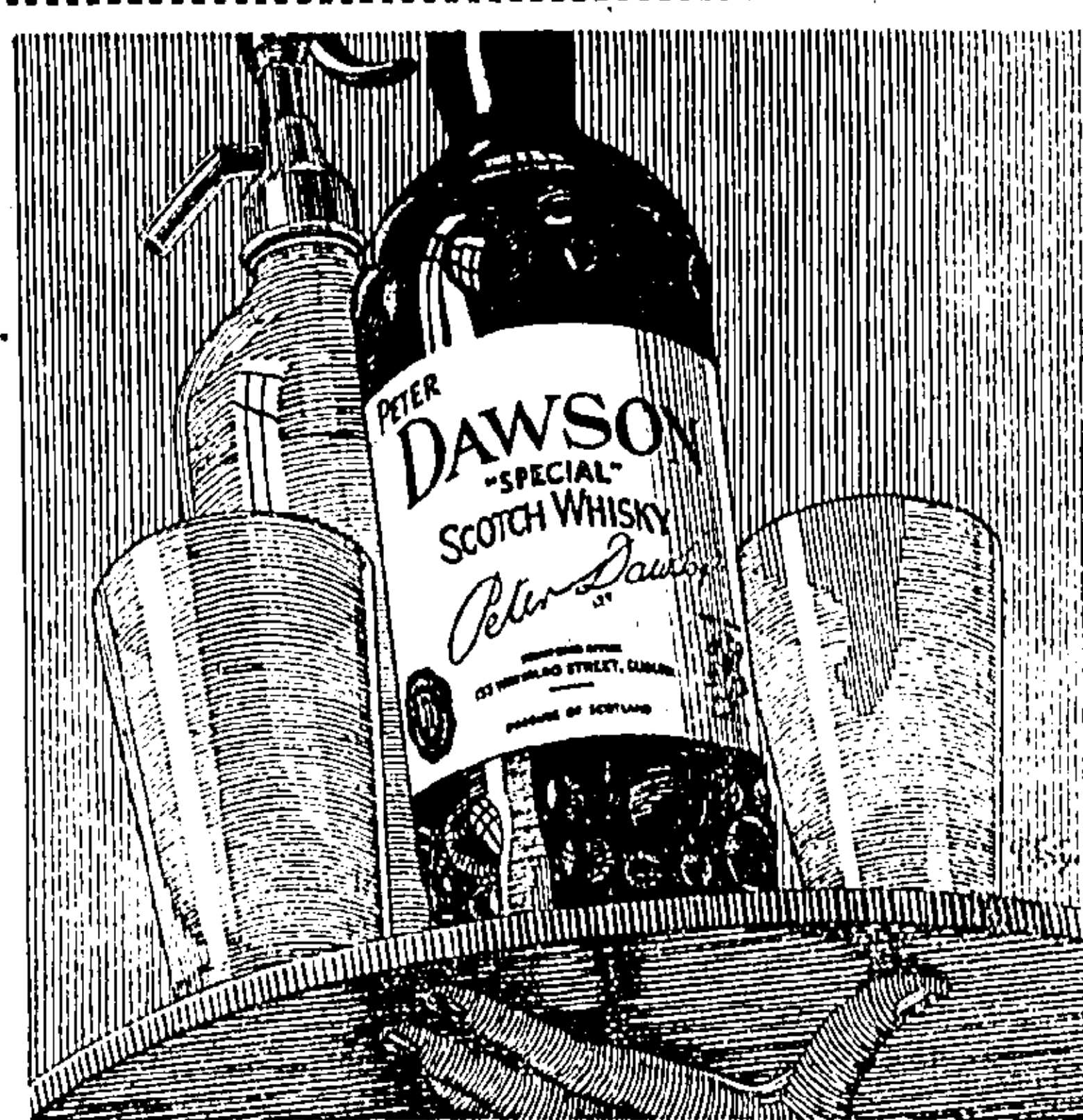
There is a serious danger that the Cavendish Club in Piccadilly will have to close its doors. Its fate depends on a meeting of members called for early next month to see whether arrangements can be made for its continuance.

The Cavendish has been a gathering place for young men from the public schools and universities interested in social and philanthropic work.

It was founded in 1912, and the first president was the Duke of Devonshire.

Not very long ago it claimed 1,500 members.

An official of the club said: "Times are bad for clubs, but I do not know yet whether the Cavendish will close or not. The whole matter will be decided at a meeting of members which has been called to consider the position."



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Overland China Mail.

A WHOLE WEEK'S NEWSPAPERS IN ONE.

The end of a long-drawn-out legal dispute was arrived at during the week, when the Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation withdrew from the case in which a local Chinese sought redemption of certain securities deposited against an overdraft. The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL gives a complete record of the hearings, during which it was stated that amounts totalling \$360,000 had been credited to plaintiff in error. The bank sought to justify the reversal of these entries. Their case fell through when it was discovered at the last moment before the first hearing that their most essential witness had disappeared.

In the Legislative Council, the new figure (17 per cent.) payable as rates on assessment of tenements was made uniform throughout the Colony. Certain allowances were made in cases where a complete Government water supply was not available. It was explained that the Government considered this a more equitable manner of taxation than had prevailed hitherto. A full account appears in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

Considerable discussion followed the introduction of a vote before the Finance Committee of a sum of over \$8,000 for resumption of land belonging to the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club at Fanling. A proposal to take over the land, then lease it back to the Golf Club at interest of 4½ per cent. per annum was strongly opposed by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, who considered that the rights of the public were being interfered with. The motion was passed with one dissentient. The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL reports the discussion in full.

At an Investiture Ceremony during the week, H.E. the Governor, decorated Mr. E. W. Carpenter with the Order of the British Empire, Miss N. E. James (superintendent nurse at the Royal Naval Hospital), with the order of the Royal Red Cross, Second Class, as well as presenting four Chinese with Certificates of Honour. The Certificates were the first to be presented in the Colony. The Investiture is described in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

An instructive address by the Rev. Father G. Byrne, S.J., on "Our Emotional Life," given before the Rotary Club, is also reported in detail in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

Groundings of steamers, happily not of a serious nature, are also reported in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL. The ships concerned were the s.s. President Cleveland and Taiping, and it is thought the mishaps were due to fog.

There is no phase of the life of the Colony or of China that does not receive attention in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL—the weekly paper that YOU MUST ORDER NOW.

Letters to relatives and friends in all parts of the world frequently fail to be written even by the most ardent correspondents. It is a kindly thought, therefore, to ensure that those away from the Colony, or folks at Home, should have an unfailing supply of Hong Kong and Chinese news every week—by means of a subscription to the "Overland China Mail."

Without any trouble of packing and worrying about the Post Office, on your part, and at the cost only of \$4.75 for three months, the "Overland China Mail" will be sent Home for you every week, catching the mail regularly. It contains the news and special features from the daily "China Mail" that make a studied appeal to people with any interest whatsoever in Hong Kong, and Australia, and Canada testify to the keen pleasure and interest its weekly arrival brings.

For your folks at Home to receive this weekly budget, or to keep yourself posted with affairs during your absence, all that you have to do is to drop a note to the "Overland China Mail."

The word "Overland" is a reminder of the experience behind the production, it having been published since the early days of the Colony, to be sent OVERLAND because there was no Suez Canal, and that was the quickest route by which to get mail Home. In the march of time the "Overland China Mail" has become the most popular weekly news budget, as it has been compiled just to suit present-day requirements, as it has done all along. What more could many letters from Home, Australia, and Canada testify to the keen pleasure and interest its weekly arrival brings.

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BOMBAY via Singapore, Belawan, Deli & Colombo.	Chicago Maru	Fri., 5th June
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MELBOURNE via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	Honolulu Maru	Tues., 19th May
CALCUTTA via Singapore & Rangoon.	Arizona Maru (From Kobe)	Sat., 23rd May
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Japan Ports.	Kinal Maru	Mon., 1st June
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Altai Maru	Thurs., 21st May
JAPAN PORTS (Freight Service).	Menado Maru (under docking)	Thurs., 11th June
HAIPHONG via Hanoi & Pakhoi (Fortnightly).	Hozan Maru	Sun., 17th May
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday).	Canton Maru	Sun., 24th May
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).	Debi Maru	Thurs., 21st May

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Since that time the Johan van Oldenbarnevelt and Marix van St. Aldegonde have been built for the same owners, and these have a speed of 17½ knots to 18 knots in service. It was desired by the owners to bring the P. C. Hooft into line in the matter of speed, and in order to increase the power, an order was placed in November, 1929, for two Sulzer engines, running at 130 r.p.m. The cylinders have a diameter of 750 mm. The vessel has been lengthened 8 ft., and it is hoped that on trials a speed of 17½ knots will be attained. No special trials will be run before the vessel leaves on her maiden voyage after conversion on April 7, in Amsterdam, but probably some tests will be carried out over a day or two in the Red Sea.

The remarkable fact about this conversion is that space has been found in the existing engine-room to accommodate the new machinery of 75 per cent. greater power. The higher speed has necessitated great care to ensure the absence of vibration, and the engine settings have been strengthened. The engine-room arrangement is, perhaps, not perfect, but it is a great feat to be able to increase a ship's speed in this way with so little alteration.—Motor Ship.

OVERLOADED STEAMER.

Jugo-Slavian Captain Fined At Cardiff.

The Cardiff Stipendiary Magistrate imposed a fine of £50 and £7 7s. costs on Captain Luca Matovic for permitting the overloading of the Jugo-Slavian steamer Jadera at Barry last December.

Mr. L. M. Allen, prosecuting on behalf of the Board of Trade, said the vessel was boarded whilst sailing by a Board of Trade surveyor, who found that the load line was submerged on an average to the extent of 4½ in., which represented about 90 to 100 tons of cargo more than the vessel should have carried.

Mr. J. Owen Davis, for the defence, said his client pleaded guilty. He found his vessel overloaded, and was faced with difficulty. "One way out," said Mr. Davis, "to put it frankly, was for the captain to try and get away with it."

BRITISH NAVY.

Admiral of the Fleet the Rt. Hon. Lord Wester Wemyss, G.C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O. presided at the annual dinner of the Institution of Naval Architects held in London recently.

The chairman, in proposing "The Royal Navy," thought the Navy had been cut down beyond the limit of safety. Peace did not depend altogether on the goodwill of statesmen.

Admiral Sir Cyril T. M. Fuller (Second Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Personnel) in reply, said that the increased intricacies of our ships made a higher claim on personnel than ever before. But that claim was being well met. The naval week at Buenos Aires had shown just what they could do. (Applause.)

Mr. Maurice E. Denny (Master of the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights) said that although 80 per cent. of shipping was laid up, and that they had struck a bad patch in our national history, not only material, but psychological, given fair play and reasonable equality of conditions with competitors, they could look forward to a time when our mercantile marine would again be predominant. Britain to-day had to depend only on the labour of her brain and hands.

WARSHIPS IN PORT

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—

Bruce—In dock.
Hermes—West wall.
Odin—In dock.
Doris—In dock.
Pandora—North arm.
Proteus—In Talook.
Sandwich—South wall.
Sirdar—North wall.
Somme—East wall.
Sterling—North arm.
Tamar—Basin.
Tarantula—East wall.
Thracian—North wall.
Foreign Men-of-War.
Argus—French gunboat.
Beaver—American gunboat and submarines.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Wednesday, May 13.
Havdrot, Norwegian str., 713 tons, Captain Erik Fingelsen, from Samarinda, Yaumati Anchorage.—Kwong Sang Loong.
Havelland, German m.s., 6,334 tons, Capt. Vogeler, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—Jensen & Co.
Lyeemoon, British str., 1,734 tons, Capt. E. Holmes, from Hoihow, buoy No. A15.—Kwong Nam & Co.
Sun Kong, Chinese str., 322 tons, Capt. Leung Pat, from K. C. Wan, buoy No. B17.—Wo Hop & Co.
Tatsutatan Maru, Japanese str., 1,098 tons, Capt. E. Yoshida, from Canton, Yaumati Anchorage.—M.B.K.
Thursday, May 14.
Ardent, Norwegian str., 1,101 tons, Capt. E. Kroger, from Bangkok, buoy No. B17.—K. Larsen & Co.
Foehling, British str., 1,423 tons, Capt. S. O. Mitford, from Swatow, West Point Wharf.—J. M. & Co.
Graciosa, Norwegian str., 1,778 tons, Capt. A. Markussen, from Saigon, buoy No. C2.—Thoresen & Co.
Hop Sang, British str., 1,359 tons, Capt. P. R. Gay-Cuming, from Canton, buoy No. B1.—J. M. & Co.
Kueichow, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. D. Williams, from Canton, Talook Dock.—B. & S.
Lahn, German str., 8,593 tons, Capt. Th. Hinssen, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—Melchers & Co.
Ningpo, British str., 1,228 tons, Capt. J. Nibet, from Wuhu, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.
Proteus, Norwegian str., 1,025 tons, Capt. S. Larsen, from Saigon, buoy No. C3.—Kwong Sang Loong.

Shantung, British str., 1,568 tons, Capt. J. S. G. Brown, from Swatow, buoy No. B20.—R. & S.
Tehkam, Chinese str., 805 tons, Capt. Lai Yee, from Hoihow, buoy No. B23.—Wag On & Co.
Wahking, British str., 1,170 tons, Capt. A. Sinclair, from Swatow, buoy No. B2.—J. M. & Co.

GERMAN SHIPPING.

DECREASED PROFITS FOR PAST YEAR.

The annual reports for 1930 of the Norddeutscher Lloyd and the Hamburg American Line show a considerable decrease of profits as compared with 1929. These reports are the first since the "pooling" agreement of the two companies.

Figures for the Norddeutscher Lloyd are:—Net profit 9,792,000 marks (\$489,600), as compared with 14,193,000 marks (\$709,650) in 1929. The company is paying a dividend of 6 per cent. as against 8 per cent. in 1929.

The Hamburg America Line pays a dividend of 6 per cent. as against 7 per cent., and net profits amount to 9,816,000 marks (\$490,800), as compared with 11,562,000 marks (\$578,100).

The Norddeutscher Lloyd points out that the shipping crisis is best characterised by the fact that of the world's tonnage of 65,300,000 about 7,600,000 tons were idle at the beginning of 1931, and in the case of Germany 646,000 tons were laid up out of a total of 4,200,000 tons. The Norddeutscher Lloyd estimate their decline in revenue from freightage as at least £250,000. The passenger traffic of the Norddeutscher Lloyd, on the other hand, improved satisfactorily, especially since the liners Europa and Bremen were put into service.

The Hamburg America Line state that loss in revenue from freight could not be balanced by improving passenger traffic, but both reports agree that the result of the pooling is satisfactory.

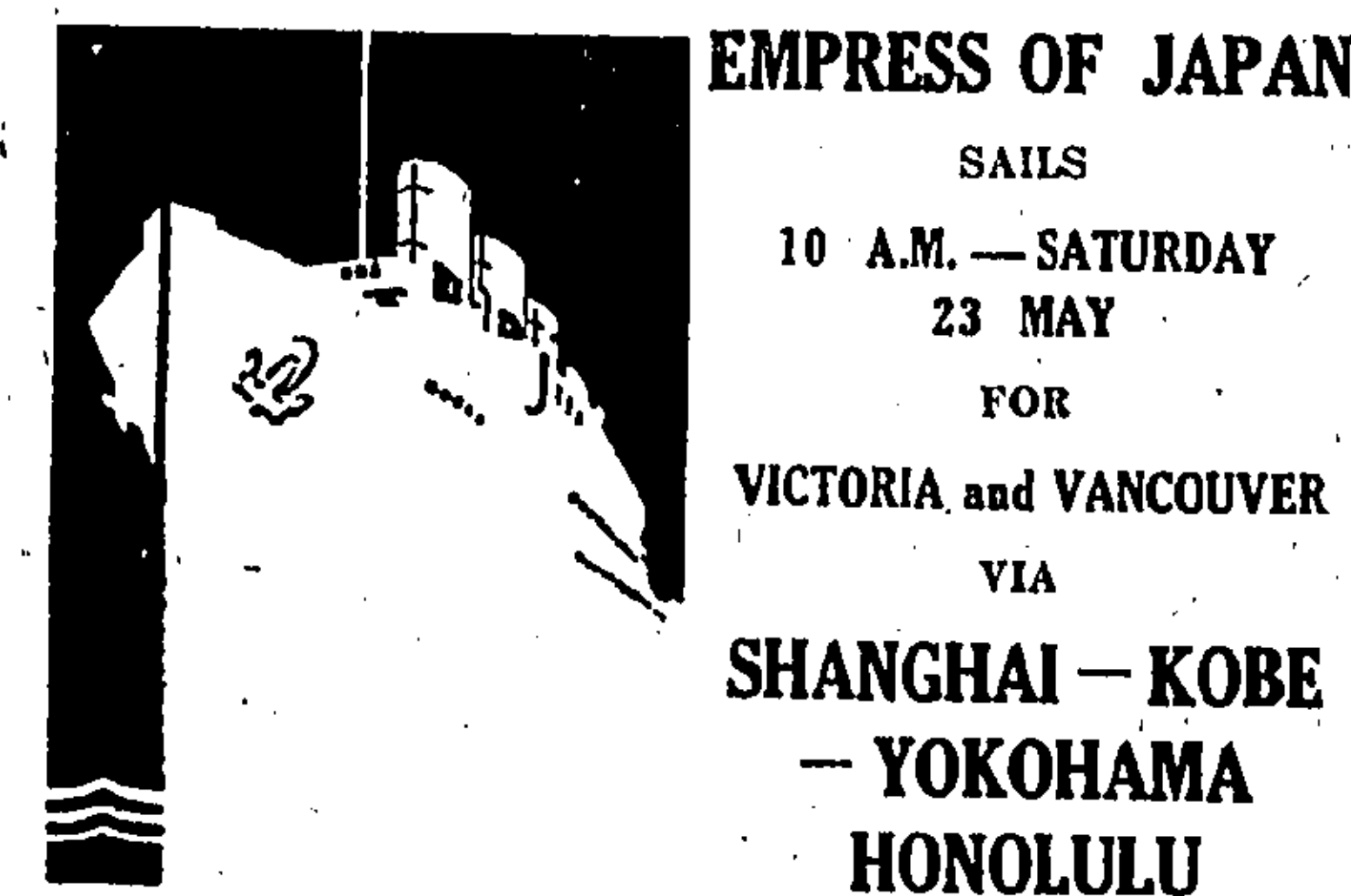
AMBITIOUS NAVAL RATINGS.

Higher Educational Test.

The ambitious ratings of the Atlantic Fleet, now anchored at Gibraltar, are undergoing a higher educational test, writes a Special Correspondent with the Fleet. Every man who wishes to reach warrant rank must pass this examination. The subjects comprise general knowledge, English, history, geography, navigation, mathematics, mechanics, magnetism and electricity, and at least four must be taken. A typical question in the general knowledge paper asks candidates to describe the purposes and results of the Imperial Conference and the Round Table Conference last November. Sixteen marks are awarded for a satisfactory description of either a moving stairway, a wireless receiving set or an automatic ticket machine. Another question asks candidates what facts they can bring forward in support of four of the following statements:—"Britain once formed part of the Continent of Europe. You should face forward when alighting from a bus. Britain was in a fair state of civilisation 3,000 years ago. Tinned food should not be kept in a tin after being opened. Ability is frequently hereditary. It is inadvisable to drink large quantities of liquid at meal times." Candidates are expected to know what important services earthworms perform, and another question asks for notes on six of the following: Lord Irwin, J. B. Priestley, Sir James Jeans, Strube, Mr. Scullin, General Hertzog, Walt Disney, Chaplaine. Imagination, the Correspondent adds, is needed to answer a question which requests a description of life aboard one of His Majesty's ships about the middle of the Eighteenth Century. At any rate, it is doubtful if the sailors of George II could have scored any marks in the modern higher educational test.

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Empress of Russia	Aug. 28	Aug. 31	Sept. 3	Sept. 5	Sept. 10	Sept. 14
Empress of Japan	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 17	Sept. 19	Sept. 24	Sept. 27
Empress of Asia	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	Oct. 8	Oct. 12
Empress of Canada	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	Oct. 22	Oct. 25
Empress of Russia	Oct. 23	Oct. 26	Oct. 28	Oct. 31	Nov. 5	Nov. 9
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Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers, London, April 18) Kut Sang

SATURDAY, MAY 16.

Shanghai and Swatow Sui Yang
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MONDAY, MAY 18.

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TUESDAY, MAY 19.

Sandakan Tjiluwong
Australia and Manila Atsuta Maru

OUTWARD MAILS.

FRIDAY, MAY 15.

Bangkok	Halldor	3.30 p.m.
Formosa	Hovelland	3.30 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Chong On	4 p.m.
Tourane	Chung Kong	5 p.m.
Manila	Empress of Japan	5 p.m.

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Registration 3.45 p.m.
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Kishima Maru 3.30 p.m.
President Hayes 5 p.m.
Kut Sang 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 17.

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*KASHMIR *RANPURA *KASHGAR *RAWALPINDI *PERIM *KHYBER *SOMALI	8,985 16,601 9,005 5,619 7,648 9,114	6th June 20th June 4th July 18th July 25th July 1st Aug. 4th Aug.	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp. Bombay, Marseilles & London. M'selles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp. Bombay, Marseilles & London. M'selles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp. Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*RAJPUTANA *PADUA	10,568 9,990	15th Aug. 22nd Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London. Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KARMALA *CATHAY *SUDAN	9,128 15,121	26th Aug. 12th Sept. 19th Sept.	Marseilles & London. Bombay, Marseilles & London. Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
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What is claimed to be a new
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States Fleet has (states a Reuter
message from Portsmouth, New
Hampshire) been set up by the
submarine V 6, also known as the
Nautilus, which reached a depth of
336 feet below the surface.

Submarine V 6 is one of the two
fleet submarines of the Cruiser
type laid down at the Portsmouth
Navy Yard in 1927, says the Morn-
ing Post Naval Correspondent.
Three more of these submersible
cruisers have been authorised.

The displacement of V 6 on the
surface is 2,760 tons, and in diving
trim 3,960 tons. This implies that
for diving she admits, and for sur-
facing she discharges, 1,200 tons of
water—a capacity for obtaining
and handling ballast (the vital need
of airships and submarines alike)
that must make an airship Com-
mander's mouth water.

This submarine carries one Gun-
nison and six 21in. torpedo tubes,
has a speed of 17 knots, and cost
\$1,592,500. She is thus, in all main
essentials, a "reply" to our own
Submarine X 1, though V 6's arm-
ament and speed are somewhat less.

It is interesting to note that a
flotilla of these huge and costly
submarines is being formed in
America at the time that we are
pausing to consider whether these
vessels are worth while.

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ing large steam cruiser submarine,
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been placed upon the sale list.

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feet is considerably less than the
depth for which our latest sub-
marines have been designed. X 1,
notably, was designed to withstand
crushing at 500 feet, though she has
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The only reason for constructing
submarines for these great depths
is to enable them, in an emergency,
to avoid the effects of depth charge
attack. Were it not for depth
charges no submarine would need to
dive deeper than a few feet below
the extreme draught of surface
vessels.

356 Feet.

"Records" in submarines, as in
most other machines, has seldom a
fighting or economic value, but for
what they are worth I can claim, I
think, the record depth for a sub-
marine in our own or any other
Navy.

This record—356 feet—was the
result of an unhappy choice on my
part of two unpleasant alternatives
on sighting four American destroy-
ers off the South-West Coast of
Ireland in 1917 when coming to the
surface in a rough sea.

Sighting the destroyers through
the periscope and anticipating de-
termined attack by gunfire while
endeavouring to establish recogni-
tion—a common and nasty experi-
ence—I elected to dive in the belief
that our periscope had not been
sighted.

As we dived the report of a shell
overhead was the warning of an
impending depth-charge attack, to
avoid the fatal effects of which, if
accurately carried out, we proceeded
to 200 feet, at which depth an ex-
ternal ballast tank collapsed, and
the boat sank stern first to depths
we had no means of gauging.

With the boat at an angle of 60
degrees, the acid pouring from the
batteries and squirts of water
through joints in the hull, the crew,
tables and chairs slithering aft, and
the high pressure air opened out to
the after mainballast tanks, we ex-
perienced the full blast of five 600lb.
depth charges exploded, fortunatel-
ly, 250 feet above us.

Rising.

The shock, though great, did us
no damage, and, after an anxious
minute of suspense, the diving
gauge needle flickered and we knew
we were rising. Had it not been for
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gine Room. Artificer on the high
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T'au via S'tow & S'hai	KWANGSANG	Sun., 24th May at 7 a.m.
T'au via S'tow & S'hai	HANGSANG	Wed., 27th May at 7 a.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	KUISANG	Tue., 19th May at 10 a.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	KUTSANG	Sat., 16th June at 3 p.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	HOSANG	Tues., 16th June at 3 p.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	KUTSANG	Sun., 17th May at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	YUENSANG	Sun., 31st May at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	KUMSANG	Thurs., 12th June at 7 a.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Wed., 27th May at Noon
Sandakan	HINSANG	Fri., 5th June at Noon
T'au via S'tow & Foochow	CHIPSANG	Sun., 24th May at 7 a.m.
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due at Yokohama on May 15 (Fri.)
at 2 p.m. She leaves Yokohama
for Vancouver on May 16 (Sat.) at
3 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of
Canada arrived at Vancouver on
May 13 (Wed.) at 5 p.m., leaves
Vancouver on May 23 (Sat.), and is
due at Hong Kong on June 12
(Fri.). She leaves Hong Kong for
Manila on June 12 (Fri.) at 5 p.m.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

The following unclaimed tele-
grams are lying at the E.E. Tele-
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Abilly, Porthos, from Shanghai.
Sammons, U.S.S. Helena, from
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S. LACK,

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Hong Kong, May 14, 1931.

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F. V. JENSEN,
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Hong Kong, April 29, 1931.

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miralty chart of the place and
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on the chart unless preceded by an
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May 15 to 21, 1931.

DATE	HIGH WATER			LOW WATER		
May	Standard Times	Ht		Standard Times	Ht	
Fri. 1	11. M. 08 13	F 5.7		11. M. 01 25	F 1.0	
Sat. 16	11. M. 08 30	F 6.0		11. M. 01 53	F 1.1	
Sun. 17	11. M. 08 48	F 6.2		11. M. 02 14	F 1.2	
Mon. 18	11. M. 09 01	F 6.4		11. M. 02 38	F 1.3	
Tue. 19	11. M. 09 23	F 6.7		11. M. 03 03	F 1.4	
Wed. 20	11. M. 09 48	F 6.9		11. M. 03 25	F 1.5	
Thurs. 21	11. M. 10 00	F 7.1		11. M. 03 48	F 1.6	
	11. M. 10 24	F 7.3		11. M. 04 06	F 1.7	
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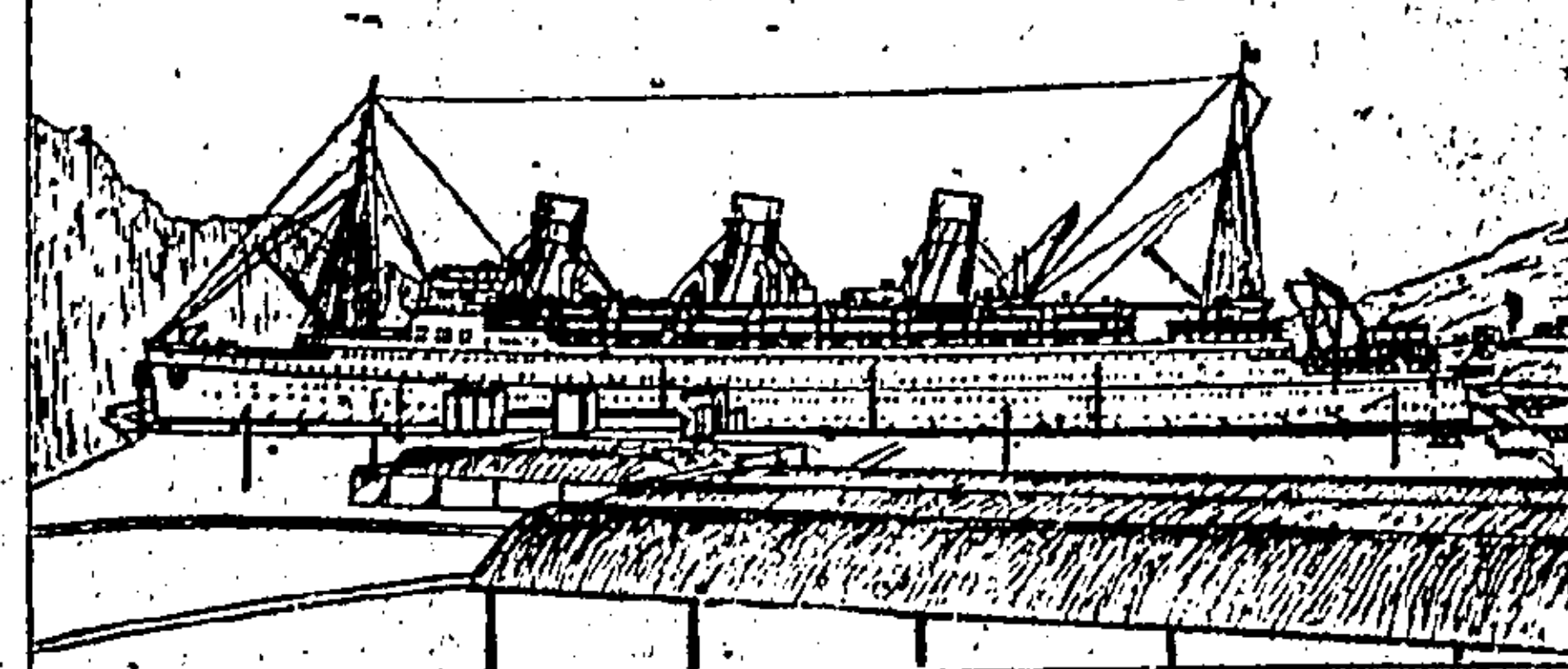
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—Communio—Hoc Corpus (Passion Sunday VIII* mode) ...
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—Dirigatur Oratio Mea (19th Sunday after Pentecost VII* mode) ...
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—Quintus Prudentis Virgines (from Mass for a Virgin not a Martyr V* mode) ...
—Pascha Nostrum (Easter Sunday VI* mode) ...
D.1975—Offertories—Ad Te Levavi (1st Sunday of Advent II* mode) ...
—Mediator (2nd Sunday of Lent II* mode) ...
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—Offertory—Custodi Me (Tuesday in Holy Week I* mode) ...
D.1976—Responsory—Ecce Quomodo Moritur Justus (Holy Saturday Tenebrae IV* mode) ...
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D.1978—Introit—Spiritus Domini (VIII* mode) (Sunday) ...
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—Introit—Da Pacem (18th Sunday after Pentecost IV* mode) ...
—Kyrie—Orbis Factor—(I* mode)—Ed. Vat. No. X ad libitum ...
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—Offertory—Inhabitate Deo (2nd Sunday after Epiphany I* mode) ...
D.1980—Responsory—Descendit (Christmas Matins I* mode) ...
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D.1981—Responsory—Media Vita (from Septuagesima IV* mode) ...
—Responsory—Christus Resurgens (II* mode) ...
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Buy British Goods?

Although the actual figures are not at the moment available, it would not be an exaggerated estimate which gave the amount expended by the British Marketing Board on propaganda in the past year as at least half a million sterling. The slogan "Buy British Goods," has been featured in nearly every newspaper in the Empire and a large literary staff is employed in Westminster in composing pamphlets and articles describing British manufactured products and urging Far East and Empire firms to stock British goods. Yet when we turn to the Statesman's Year Book, we find that the value of total imports of foreign manufactures and into Hong Kong rose from £97,528 in 1928 to £114,016 in the following year, and enquiries made up to date from statistical experts show that the volume of foreign imports is increasing by leaps and bounds, to the detriment of British manufacturers. The reason for this is clear. It is not that British goods are not far superior to German, French, and Japanese goods, or that British retailers and consumers overseas do not prefer to buy British goods whenever they can. It is because, owing to the unfavourable exchange, people can no longer afford to pay the high prices which British manufacturers insist on demanding for their goods. It is an old argument, perhaps, but one vital to the future of British trade. If Japanese or German manufacturers are able to produce an article similar in external respects

to a British manufactured article, for half the price of the British article, the consumer, harassed as he is by the low value of the dollar, is not going to hesitate when he makes a purchase. He is going to buy the cheaper article. He would like to buy British goods, of course, but if British manufacturers refuse to lower their prices, it is their own fault, and not his. British and foreign goods entering the Colony enjoy equal privileges, since this is a free port, and the only advantage which foreign articles enjoy over British is that of price. If only they would lower their prices, British goods would enjoy a monopoly.

Examples of this regrettable state of affairs are to be found every day. One tobacco retailer informed us a short while ago that during this year he had cleared the whole of his foreign stock—stock which in previous years had lain idle in the store-room and was practically unsellable. A slump had set in in the sale of British goods and over sixty per cent. of his fresh stock was foreign. With the dollar worth a little over eleven pence, customers refused to pay \$15 for a British-made pipe, for example, when they could procure a similar foreign pipe for \$7 or \$10. The same complaint against British prices may be heard on all sides. Contractors who let out tenders for building materials, much as they would prefer to choose British, are forced to accept the lower offers made by American and Continental manufacturers.

The contractor and the retailer cannot be held to blame; the fault lies entirely with the manufacturer, who either lacks the competitive sense or who cannot find a way to cut the high costs of production. A way has been found in Germany, France, and Japan, and, as a result, goods are placed on the foreign market at prices which cannot fail to be acceptable. Britain, it seems, has still to find the way, and, until she does, no amount of propaganda will induce consumers to purchase her goods at prices which she simply cannot afford. Imports from Great Britain to Hong Kong for the 12 months ended March 31, 1931, amounted to £71,000,000 according to the local statistical returns. It is difficult to reduce this to sterling owing to the variation of the dollar during the period under review. An average of about 1s. 8d. would be about right, in which case the imports from Great Britain for the above-mentioned period would be ap-

proximately £4,400,000. In arriving at the volume of goods represented by this figure allowance must be made for the fact that world wholesale prices have dropped about 30 per cent. (i.e. £1,000 worth of goods now represents a much greater volume than it would a year or so ago).

Total imports into Hong Kong for the above-mentioned period amounted to \$642,399,000 (approximately £39,313,000).

The drop in silver prices has undoubtedly affected adversely imports from the United Kingdom (particularly textile manufactures) by accentuating still further the disparity between the price of British as compared with other manufactures, the demand being more and more for cheaper quality goods of Continental and Japanese manufacture.

News in Brief.

The departure of the s.s. President Madison is now announced for 8 a.m. on Sunday.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 68 degrees. The humidity ranged between 93 at 10 a.m. and 92 at 4 p.m.

Sentence of twelve months' hard labour and 24 strokes of the birch was imposed on Cheung Tim at the Kowloon Police Court this morning, for snatching a rattle and gold bangle from a child at Mongkok market.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of John Robert Foster, of the Chinese Maritime Customs, now serving abroad R.L. Leung Tsing, to Simmone Madeleine Helena Desert, of 14, Wing Lock Buildings, Kowloon.

The Committee of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home gratefully acknowledges the receipt of the following donation toward the funds of the Home:—Royal Naval Recreation Club (per Commander E. G. Morris, R.N. H.M.S. Tamar) \$50.

Chan Tat-sang, who was banished for 10 years in 1930, was sent to jail for one year with hard labour, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, for returning within the prohibited time. He pleaded "guilty" and said that his mother had died and he returned to get some money.

Charged with having caused an obstruction on the praya at Connaught Road West with 30 pieces of firewood, a Chinese, pleaded guilty before Mr. Schofield this morning. Inspector W. R. MacWalter said that it was a trade obstruction, and that the defendant refused to clear the area, when warned by an Indian Police Sergeant. About an hour later, the Sergeant returned to the praya to find the defendant sitting beside the firewood. A fine of \$3 was imposed.

LINK WITH BRONZE AGE.

Another Discovery At Jericho.

Jerusalem, March 12.

Professor Garstang reports the discovery on the site of ancient Jericho of a necropolis of the Middle Bronze Age, approximately 1600 B.C. The graves were found in a good state of preservation, with important pottery remains.

A four-line Aramaic inscription has been discovered on a limestone tablet about 1 foot square, recording the presence of the bones of Uziah King of Judah (about 778 to 740 B.C.). Dr. E. L. Sukenik, of the Hebrew University, made the discovery among a collection of antiquities in the Russian Convent on the Mount of Olives.

The style of the writing and of the stone-dressing indicate that the inscription dates from the second century B.C. If genuine, the inscription must refer to the transference, some 600 years after burial, from the Royal tombs of the House of David within the city to a place outside the walls. Such transference is indicated in late Hebrew sources. Nothing is known of the provenance of the inscription, but it was acquired between 1865 and 1894 by the Archimandrite Antonin. His diaries, in which perhaps its acquisition is described, were dispatched after his death to the Holy Synod of the Church of Russia.

SHATIN RAILWAY SMASH.

Abnormal Fall of Rain.

TRAIN CREW'S STORIES.

At the resumed inquiry yesterday, by the Coroner and a special jury, into the circumstances of the recent railway smash, evidence was taken from Mr. R. M. Henderson, Assistant Director of Public Works, and engineer in charge of waterworks construction.

Mr. Henderson was questioned by the Coroner (Mr. E. W. Hamilton). He said that a small dam just below Shingmun Village, about half a mile past Pineapple Pass, had overflowed the 50-ft. gauge by ten feet. This was quite unprecedented. In 1926 the water came over the dam wall, but only by about three feet.

The various rain gauges in the area, said witness, were read daily. The figures for Sunday, the day of the disaster, showed an unusually heavy fall of rain.

Engine "Dropped Down."

Lok Ip, fireman of the train, was then called. He said that it was raining heavily when they left Shum Chun about 4.30 p.m. It continued to rain until the time of the accident. Everything looked all right ahead on the line as the train approached the scene of the accident. The train was going at about the usual speed. Then the engine "dropped down." That was all he could really say about it.

The Coroner then read the statement of the engine driver, who is still in hospital. His usual speed, he said, was 28 miles an hour, but on the day in question the rain was so bad that he drove a little slower.

There did not appear to be anything wrong with the track but immediately the bridge was passed, the engine sank down.

Lo Kam-fai, guard on the train, described its composition. There were no people in the first class, about ten or so in the second, and about thirty in the first of the third class coaches. This was the coach where most of the victims came from. The other third class coach carried about twenty passengers.

A Violent Jerk.

Witness said he knew nothing until the accident happened, when he felt a violent jerk. After the smash he sent a message by the brakeman to Kowloon Railway Station. He himself walked toward Tai-po and put a detonator on the line. Later, he put three more on the line, about half a mile from the wreck. He put detonators on both sides of the wreck. That was a regulation.

Witness said he also got out the Red Cross box, and put it into use, although not a trained man.

The brakeman gave corroborative evidence, and after hearing the driver of the 4.30 train from Kowloon, who said he noticed nothing unusual, the hearing was adjourned until next Wednesday afternoon.

THE FARCE OF THE SWEEP.

We heartily congratulate the few hundred persons who have drawn prizes in the Irish Grand National Sweepstake, and even more heartily—being brothers in affliction—do we commiserate with all the millions whose expectations have been dashed. London has been especially fortunate, perhaps because London staked most desperately, or possibly because living in close proximity to a spoilsport Home Secretary makes us particularly defiant. The absurdity of trying to stop the sale of sweep tickets in this country could not have been demonstrated more plainly. The joke would have been complete had Mr. Clynnes succeeded in drawing a horse himself! The only thing that prevents us from giving full vent to our hilarity is the reflection that so much good money has left the country. It is not particularly consoling to know that fate has returned a fraction of it, though everyone will give full marks to the Dublin organisers of the Sweepstake for the exceedingly efficient manner in which the draw was run. There was a time, as we discovered recently when scanning some sixteenth century archives, when Dame Fortune was a respecter of persons in disbursing her favours. A State lottery organised about 1505 resulted in Queen Elizabeth winning a fortune of £100,000, "greatly," adds the historian, "to the dismay of the citizens." We fear that modern citizens would have been more than dismayed if Mr. Cosgrave had accidentally drawn the favourite. But Ireland has not done so badly out of these recent lotteries; and incidentally she has proved that if the English may not run their own sweepstakes, not all that an anomalous law may say can prevent them from subscribing to sweepstakes.—London Morning Post.

SOPHIE TUCKER'S DRESSES.

Attempt to Avoid Duty.

PENALTY OF £40.

Sophie Tucker (Mrs. Lackay), the music hall and cabaret artiste, of Grosvenor House, Park Lane, W., was summoned before Mr. Gill, at Westminster in mail week, for being knowingly concerned in a fraudulent attempt at the evasion of Customs duties on three silk dresses at Victoria Station on March 8.

Mr. B. M. Cloutman, V.C., represented Miss Tucker, who did not personally appear. A plea of guilty was entered on her behalf.

Mr. R. L. Stephenson (for the Excise authorities) said Miss Tucker was a well known actress, and a short time after her arrival at Victoria four pieces of baggage belonging to her were presented by a baggage porter with a declaration. The declaration was not regarded as very satisfactory by Mr. O'Flynn, the Customs officer, and he rang Miss Tucker up on the telephone, told her what had happened, and, after some delay, she came to Victoria herself.

Mr. O'Flynn told her he must ignore the declaration and begin all over again. Miss Tucker said she had bought no dresses abroad, and that, with the exception of a few trinkets and a handbag, everything in her baggage had been taken from Britain with her.

She was certain all gowns had been taken from London with her when she went to Paris a few weeks previously.

Later, Miss Tucker admitted that three silk dresses had been bought in Paris, but in the presence of a senior officer she went back on that statement. When told she must make a declaration, she again admitted that the dresses were bought in Paris. She added that she had listened to other people instead of doing what was right, and was very sorry for all the trouble she had given.

The Magistrate (to Mr. O'Flynn): What were her actual words regarding the admission?

Mr. O'Flynn: She said, "Well, you have been very nice; they were bought in Paris."

Mr. Cloutman urged that the case was not a substantial one. Miss Tucker was very ill, having had a bad crossing, and did not want to be bothered. She thought she would get the things through rather than go down to the shed.

The Magistrate: It was not essential for her to do that. She could have made a declaration. I think that £40, the single value and duty on the dresses, will be an appropriate penalty.

CHEMIST'S STORES DRAMA.

Poison Taken Away For "Slimming" Medicine.

Northern police forces were assisted by the broadcasting authorities to warn two women that they had taken away poison instead of medicine from a Bradford Chemist's stores.

The two women entered a chemist's stores together and asked for two bottles of medicine used for "slimming."

They left the shop, but within a few minutes an assistant noticed that the women had carried away two bottles of poison in mistake.

He pushed out into the crowded street, but the women had disappeared.

Bradford City Police were informed, and within half an hour police headquarters throughout Lancashire and Yorkshire had been notified. Hardly an hour had passed before the warning was issued to the two women from the Northern Regional broadcasting station.

The women were asked to communicate with the nearest police station.

The two bottles of poison were returned intact to the chemist.

The woman who returned them declined to give her name and address.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of May 15, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/6.

Aboard the Admiral Line's new steamer Wenatchee, which arrived in Hong Kong yesterday afternoon, were several members of the commercial commission from the Pacific North West, which is touring the Far East in order to promote friendly commercial relations between their section of the United States and the Orient.

The Chairman of the Mission, Captain James S. Gibson, a prominent Seattle business man, explained to a China Mail reporter that the object of the visit was to meet and extend the hand of friendship which means so much to both nations.

SHOT DEAD IN BED.

THE LARGEST LAND OWNER IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

SIR R. H. HARVEY.

Sir Robert Grenville Harvey, Bt., of Black Park, Langley, near Slough, was found shot dead in bed. Sir Robert, who was aged seventy-four, returned to his Langley estate from Scotland, where he had been salmon fishing. He was suffering from influenza and was seen by his doctor.

He was depressed, although he was recovering from his attack of influenza.

A shot was heard in the house and Sir Robert was found shot through the head. A revolver was lying on the bed by his side.

Lady Harvey, and their two daughters, Lady Oppenheimer, wife of Sir Michael Oppenheimer, and Mrs. H. H. Balfour, wife of Captain Balfour, M.P., for the Isle of Thanet, were in the house at the time.

Lady Harvey's brother, Colonel Murray, was also a member of the family house party which had assembled for Easter.

Sir Robert was the largest landowner in Buckinghamshire, having 11,000 acres on his magnificent estate at Black Park.

He became a magistrate to the county in 1887, and was the oldest J.P. in the county.

He was extremely fond of walking, and toured his estate almost every day, usually covering about ten miles.

He was also a collector of antiques, and in his mansion there is one of the finest private museums in the country.

He was a great friend to his tenants on the Black Park Estate. Sir Robert married the Hon. Emily Blanche Murray, daughter of the first Viscount Elibank, in 1893, and succeeded his father in the baronetcy in 1887.

His brother, Major Harvey, was killed in action in 1900. There is no heir to the title.



Wife (to Professional Strong Man): "My dear, whatever has annoyed you now?"
Passing Show, London.

GUESTS OF REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

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Mrs. H. M. Cavender, Sub-Lt. Currie.

Miss S. Dent, Mrs. J. S. Dent, Mr. and Mrs. A. Drouth.

Mr. D. D. Edgar, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Edwards.

Messrs. B. C. Field, G. A. C. Field, Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. Friedberger, Mrs. K. F. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Fossum, Lt. R. H. Freer.

Lt. C. L. Glass, Mr. J. S. Groushko, Mrs. L. E. Guernsey.

Messrs. W. D. Harris, G. M. Hemsworth, D. K. Hislop, Miss S. H. Higgins.

Messrs. P. N. Jester, J. E. Joseph, F. A. B. Jones.

Mrs. P. E. Kirchhoff.

Mrs. J. Levy.

Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. Majendie, Dr. and Mrs. J. Morrison, Lt. P. C. O. Moseley, Miss E. M. Murray.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Palfreeman, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. P. Perry.

Lt. P. Q. Roberts, Mrs. M. S. Rose, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Rhoden and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Schaback, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Schock, Mr. and Mrs. P. Sykes, Mr. P. Smart, Mr. and Mrs. E. Stone.

Miss E. C. Tarrant, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tarrant, Mr. and Mrs. J. Tully, Mr. H. J. Tebbutt.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wilson, Lt. K. M. Woods.

The first-time pass is one of the best and most dangerous moves in the game, but like all sharp weapons, it has to be used carefully.

There is, all the difference, in the world between the proper first-time pass and merely kicking at the ball as it comes to the player—Arthur Grimdell.

ROUND THE CINEMAS

PAUL WHITEMAN'S GREAT REVUE.

"KING OF JAZZ."

Just as Paul Whiteman himself stands supreme in the world of music, so his first starring picture, Universal's "King of Jazz," which opened at the Majestic Theatre last night, stands supreme in the world of entertainment.

It is without doubt the most tuneful, the most prodigious, the most uniformly magnificent production which has ever reached the screen. This colossal revue is an all-Movietone and all-Technicolor medley of inspiring spectacle, bewitching melody, matchless dancing, clever specialties and hilarious comedy. And in all of these its excellence is surpassing.

If any particular features of so great an achievement as "King of Jazz" can be segregated for special praise, then these features must be the truly marvellous music reproduction, the conception and direction of the spectacle numbers, notably the "Melting Pot"; the gorgeous dancing by the Russell Markert dancers throughout the picture, and the featured numbers of John Boles and Jeanette Loff.

Boles's splendid voice has already made him one of the most popular singing stars on the screen, but the combination of his beautiful baritone and Whiteman's music in such songs as "It Happened in Monterey" and "The Song of the Dawn" is superb. These numbers both are sung in beautiful settings, adding tremendously to the inspiring romanticism of both Boles's personality and his voice. Besides these two, there are almost innumerable other song hits.

Jeanette Loff is so beautiful and so talented that even in "King of Jazz" her presence is outstanding. She obviously is destined to become one of the reigning stars of the sound screen.

There are in all, eight musical spectacle numbers whose grandeur sweep everything before them. Between these are the specialties and comedy black-outs, in which glitter a galaxy of names long famous on the screen, on the stage, in vaudeville lights and in the most celebrated night clubs.

John Murray Anderson, long known as one of the three most celebrated stage producers in America, cannot be too highly commended both for the breadth of his conception in creating "King of Jazz" and for his selection of the marvellous array of talent who appear in it. Directing his first picture, he has unquestionably set an entirely new standard of entertainment for the motion picture world.

"Rango" is showing at the Central Theatre to crowded houses and it is one of the best educational pictures to be screened in this Colony.

The last showing of this picture takes place to-morrow and all those who have not seen it are advised to go at once before it is taken off.

Preceding the main story of "Rango" is a five-minute prologue, a father and his little boy in an American home at Christmas time. The little boy, playing with toy tigers, asks his father to tell him about the land where the tigers live. His father starts to describe

the jungle country of Sumatra, and the camera then takes us to Sumatra and the main story. The voice of the father is then heard, in monologue as he tells the story which is being enacted on the screen. The real sounds of the jungle are heard—the enraged roars of the tigers, the screeches of the monkeys, etc.—all the audible accompaniment that goes with the activities of the denizens of the jungle.

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That the two players are as equally at home in the one field as in the other was evidenced in the startlingly contrasting roles played by Miss Dressler in "Anna Christie" and the subsequent "Caught Short," and by Beery in "Billy the Kid."

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The plot centres about Min, who has done her best to give Nancy, her adopted child, a better environment than that of the disreputable waterfront neighbourhood in which she was left by the real mother, a woman of bad reputation. By dint of self-sacrifice and saving, Min has been able to send the girl to a fine school and is about to reap her reward in happiness when she learns that the son of the rich owner of the canneries wants to marry Nancy.

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The plot centres about Min, who has done her best to give Nancy, her adopted child, a better environment than that of the disreputable waterfront neighbourhood in which she was left by the real mother, a woman of bad reputation. By dint of self-sacrifice and saving, Min has been able to send the girl to a fine school and is about to reap her reward in happiness when she learns that the son of the rich owner of the canneries wants to marry Nancy.

The real mother takes this opportune moment to turn up again with the intention of blackmailing her prospective rich in-laws. The problem is cleared in a powerful climax in which report has it Miss Dressler does the best acting of her career.

"RANGO."

"Rango" is showing at the Central Theatre to crowded houses and it is one of the best educational pictures to be screened in this Colony.

The last showing of this picture takes place to-morrow and all those who have not seen it are advised to go at once before it is taken off.

Preceding the main story of "Rango" is a five-minute prologue, a father and his little boy in an American home at Christmas time. The little boy, playing with toy tigers, asks his father to tell him about the land where the tigers live. His father starts to describe

the jungle country of Sumatra, and the camera then takes us to Sumatra and the main story. The voice of the father is then heard, in monologue as he tells the story which is being enacted on the screen. The real sounds of the jungle are heard—the enraged roars of the tigers, the screeches of the monkeys, etc.—all the audible accompaniment that goes with the activities of the denizens of the jungle.

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One of the most daring love stories ever screened provides the romantic background for the thrilling air scenes in "Hell's Angels," Howard Hughes' super-spectacle of war-time aviation now playing at the Queen's Theatre.

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Jean Harlow, who plays the leading feminine role in "Hell's Angels," opposite Ben Lyon and James Hall, became a star overnight as a result of her performance in this picture, which marks her inaugural appearance on the screen.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.
To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel; Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels.

Entertainments.
To-day—King's Theatre; "Under Suspicion."
To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Hell's Angels."
To-day—Central Theatre; "Rango."
To-day—Majestic Theatre; "King of Jazz."
To-day—World Theatre; "Enemy Beauty."

Lammert's Auctions.
To-morrow—Office furniture and fixtures, 8, Des Voeux Road, Central, 11.30 a.m.
Meeting.
To-morrow—China Entertainment and Land Investment Co. King's Theatre, 11 a.m.

Home Malls.
To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Empress of Japan); from Europe via Negapatam (Kutang); Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Hakusan Maru), 6 p.m.
To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Siberia (President Madison), 4.30 p.m.

Sports.
See Sports Diary on Page 9.
Miscellaneous.
To-day—Whist Drive, H.K.S. Brigade R.A., Sergeants' Mess, 8.45 p.m.
To-day—Volunteers' Annual Dinner and prize-giving, 8 p.m.
To-morrow—Royal Corps of Signals open air dance, Whitfield Barracks, 8 p.m.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres.

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-10.30 p.m.—European Programme.
8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

7.02-8.45 p.m.—European Programme of "Odeon," "H.M.V.," "Disque" and "Parlophone" Records kindly loaned by a Listener. Man Licht Nur Einmal (Dostel). Zwei Tränen (Rubens und Grothe). Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

Mon Ideal Maurice Chevalier.
En Liten Vra (Kamensky-Sandberg). En Vit Chrysanthème (Sylvain-Granath). Sven-Olof Sandberg.

Sweet Temptation, Who Cares? Patrick Waddington with "That Certain Trio." On Ne M'a Jamais Parle Comme Ça. Maurice Chevalier.

C'est Pas Comme Ça. Sous Les Toits De Paris. M. Gallardin. The First Week-end in June. I Fell for You. Patrick Waddington with "That Certain Trio."

Oh, Come on, Be Sojable. Maurice Chevalier. A Bench in the Park. Exactly Like You. Patrick Waddington with "That Certain Trio."

Tango des Etaltes. Einar Ross with Orchestra. It's a Habit of Mine. Maurice Chevalier.

Seven Vells. It's Unanimous Now. Stuart Ross & Joe Sargent (American Duettists). Serenade (Schrader-Schrader). (Continued in next Column.)

Programme from Daventry.
To-day's programme from Daventry, relayed by Chelmsford experimental on a wavelength of 25.63 metres, 11,751 K/c/s.

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FRENCH SHIPPING MERGER.
Chargeurs Reunis' Future.

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(1) "Aria My Heart Ever Faithful" (from the Pentecost Cantata). (2) Chromatische Phantasie und Fuge. (3) Rondo—Gavotte. (4) Bourree (From the Second Violin Sonata). (5) Gavotte (From the Third English Suite).

9.45-10.25 p.m.—Recorded Programme kindly supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie & Co. 9.45-10.10 p.m.—Symphony No. 6 in G Major "Surprise" (Haydn). Boston Symphony Orchestra. Directed by Serge Koussevitzky (M-55).

10.10-10.25 p.m.—Operatic. Song—Lucresia Borgia—Drinking Song (Donizetti). Sigrid Onegin, Contralto (1937).

Vocal Quartet—Rigoletto (Verdi). "Fairiest Daughter of the Graces". Galli-Curci-Homer-Gigli and Luca (19012).

Vocal Sextet—Lucia (Donizetti). "What Restrains Me?". Galli-Curci-Homer-Gigli da Luca-Pinza-Bada (19012).

Song—Barbiere di Siviglia (If My Name You Must Know) (Rossini). Tito Schipa, Tenor (1180).

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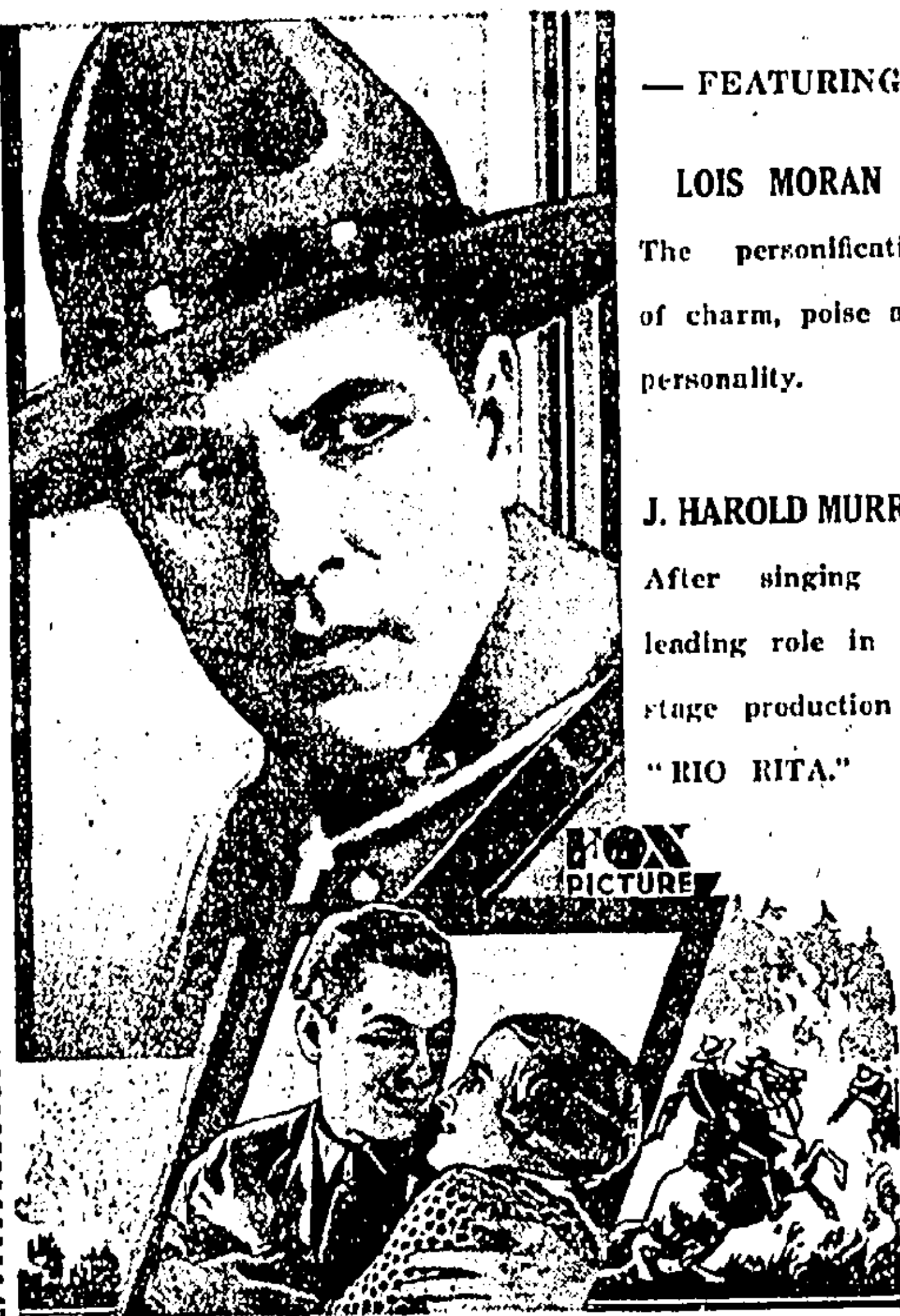
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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

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To-morrow's Prospects
Depend on Weather.

TEAMS WELL MATCHED.

[By "Short Head."]

At time of beginning these notes much depends on the weather to-morrow as to whether it will be possible to have a full programme of League matches. The forecast is no brighter than the overcast sky, although my meteorological informant tips a dry day for Sunday! Provided the rain holds off to-morrow afternoon some of the greens will still be on the heavy side, so that this may cause some upsets. Some teams can only excel on fiery greens, so that any who imagine that they can play in any kind of weather may have an opportunity to make the most of it to-morrow.

LIST OF FIXTURES.

Division I.			
K.B.G.C.	(61) v. C.S.C.C.	(62)	
C.C.C.	(59) v. Police	(42)	
Recreio	(56) v. K. Dock	(64)	
Taikoo	(53) v. K.C.C.	(54)	
Division II.			
C.S.C.C.	(73) v. C.C.C.	(57)	
Electric	(81) v. Taikoo	(41)	
Yacht Club	(53) v. K.B.G.C.	(61)	
K.C.C.	(47) v. Recreio	(65)	

Figures in parenthesis denote result last season.

Of the four First Division matches on the card to-morrow between the K.B.G.C. and the Civil Service and between the Club de Recreio and the Kowloon Dock should be the closest. The Craignower C.C., at home, should be good enough for the plucky Police team, who gave a by no means indifferent display against the Civil Servants a week ago. At Taikoo the K.C.C. will find themselves up against a tough proposition. In the Second Division all the contests are in doubt, with the exception, perhaps of the Civil Service encounter with the Craignower C.C.

FIRST DIVISION.

K.B.G.C. v. Civil Service.

After losing a week ago to the C.C.C. by the unlucky "13" the Bowling Green Club should be on their best behaviour if they mean to prevent another Valley team running away with full points. A year ago the Civil Service won by 62-61 after "Fireman" Moss had burned a head in a very dramatic manner. Two years ago the Bowling Green won by three shots—61-58. The personnel of the Bowling Green team has undergone considerably more changes than that of their visitors to-morrow, and this may be a deciding factor in the match.

C.C.C. v. Police.

A year ago the Police went under to the tune of 60-42, but in the previous year they lost by only 61-58. They have this season an odd mixture of veterans and griffins at the game, but such a team is quite likely to spring one or two surprises before the season is over. If the newer boys can be infected with "Charlie" West's great enthusiasm anything may happen even against a solid team like the Craignower C.C. The latter tasted first blood in an away match a week ago and are, therefore, confident of the issue to-morrow.

Recreio v. Kowloon Dock.

When these Clubs met at King's Park last season the home rinks proved victorious by the narrow margin of 66-64, the result in the previous season also being in their favour by 62-60. They won on two rinks against the Taikoo

Club a week ago, whilst the Kowloon Dock—with a good team on paper—went down to the K.C.C. by 17 shots. If the visitors to-morrow can aggregate 60 shots or more, the Club de Recreio may reckon on being extended the whole way to win.

Taikoo v. K.C.C.

Last year the K.C.C. nearly sprung a surprise at Taikoo, losing by only 63-54, as compared with their defeat in the previous year by 75-47. Taikoo finished on the losing side a week ago, whilst the K.C.C. put it over their old friends and rivals of Kowloon Dock. The skips on both sides are all tried and trusty players, and this ought to invest to-morrow's game with a great deal of interest.

SECOND DIVISION.

C.S.C.C. v. C.C.C.

Last year's match was won by the Civil Servants by 73-57, but the year before they went down by 58-53. They had to own the superiority of the Yacht Club a week ago, whereas the Craignower lost on their own green to the Bowling Green Club. There are fewer changes in the Civil Service this season than in the Craignower, although the former are said to be awaiting the return from short leave of a certain skip before they are fated to meet the big guns in the Division.

Electric Co. v. Taikoo.

It seems hardly likely that the Electric Company will "shock" Taikoo to-morrow to the same extent as last season—81-41. The result may be more similar to that of a couple of seasons ago—64-59 in favour of the Electricians. Both teams lost a week ago, but, even so, Taikoo appear the better all-round team and may to-morrow atone for the last two defeats on foreign soil.

Yacht Club v. K.B.G.C.

Last year the Yachtsmen had to bow the knee by the small margin of 61-53, whilst a couple of seasons ago they lost by the narrower margin of 62-51. The Yacht Club have almost First Division talent, with quite a number who have played for years and some who have been skips in First Division Clubs. If they continue as they started a week ago they ought to figure for the first time as champions of the Second Division. Although the Bowling Green Club also finished on the right side last week it looks as if this season they will have to act more the part of feeders for the First Division team than for a long time past.

K.C.C. v. Recreio.

For two years running the K.C.C. have had to bite the dust to the Portuguese by margins of 66-47 and 71-64, respectively. Both finished on the winning side a week ago, although the Recreio were up against the tougher opposition. It is too early in the season to predict with confidence the result of this match to-morrow.

TO-MORROW'S TEAMS.

First Division.

Club de Recreio:—Dr. R. A. C. Basto, A. H. Basto, C. A. Lopes, and C. G. Silva (Skip).

E. L. Barros, P. A. Yvanovich, L. A. Gutierrez, and C. E. Marques (Skip).

A. S. Gomes, R. R. Roberts, L. C. R. Souza, and R. F. Luz (Skip).

K.B.G.C.:—J. Rodger, G. H. Sherriff, H. Nish, and W. Russell (Skip).

R. S. Nichol, T. S. W. West, G. E. Roylance, and D. F. Warren (Skip).

G. J. Chambers, E. Kern, E. W. L. Hogbin, and L. Guy (Skip).

C.S.C.C.:—F. Jones, W. Westlake, J. Deakin, and J. Hollidge (Skip).
Jas. T. Dobbie, L. E. Longbottom, E. L. Holland, and A. O. Brawn (Skip).

S. Randle, S. E. Alderman, A. H. Oswick, and J. Gregory (Skip).

C.C.C.:—F. J. Neves, M. A. R. Sousa, L. E. Lammert, and C. S. Rosset (Skip).

A. E. Coates, A. A. Razack, E. cl Arcull, and U. M. Omar (Skip).

G. L. Buchanan, W. Gill, W. T. Brightman, and R. Basa (Skip).

Police R.C.:—W. L. Clark, E. Gooding, W. McHardy, and J. C. West (Skip).

L. Mist, A. W. Smith, J. Kirby, and F. E. Booker (Skip).

W. Mair, V. G. Johnston, A. Reynolds, and A. J. Johnson (Skip).

Second Division.

Club de Recreio:—F. Prata, J. M. S. Rosario, F. V. Ribeiro, and J. G. Ozorio (Skip).

A. Xavier, J. J. Basto, E. M. Remedios, and F. X. Silva (Skip).

F. Xavier, J. M. M. Alves, A. V. Barros, and F. X. Soares (Skip).

K.B.G.C.:—P. F. Stoneham, E. D. Labrousse, W. E. Hale, and H. H. Rose (Skip).

C. S. Beat, G. Rodger, G. E. F. Thompson, and W. S. Drake (Skip).

F. V. Whitta, W. Venables, J. G. Meyer, and F. L. Rapley (Skip).

C.S.C.C.:—P. Knight, N. Bebbington, R. L. Wood, and W. E. Hollands (Skip).

L. Lockhart, J. Shand, A. E. Murphy, and H. Strange (Skip).

A. Tarbuck, J. Willmott, L. Luck, and W. Bickford (Skip).

C.C.C.:—W. J. White, F. K. Modi, C. Summons, and G. J. Spink (Skip).

F. Finner, R. Hooper, W. V. Field, and A. L. Sousa (Skip).

W. R. McBride, W. Ward, H. V. Pearce, and M. O'Brien (Skip).

LEAGUE TABLES.

Division I.				Shots			
P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	
C.S.C.C.	1	1	0	0	67	49	2
K.C.C.	1	1	0	0	63	52	2
Recreio	1	1	0	0	64	48	2
C.C.C.	1	1	0	0	60	47	2
K.B.G.C.	1	0	0	1	47	60	0
Taikoo	1	0	0	1	48	64	0
K. Dock	1	0	0	1	52	69	0
Police	1	0	0	1	49	67	0
Division II.				Shots			
P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.	
K.C.C.	1	1	0	0	67	42	2
K.B.G.C.	1	1	0	0	70	54	2
Yacht C.	1	1	0	0	64	48	2
Recreio	1	1	0	0	61	48	2
Taikoo	1	0	0	1	64	71	0
C.C.C.	1	0	0	1	54	70	0
C.S.C.C.	1	0	0	1	68	64	0
Electric	1	0	0	1	42	67	0

SHOTS FOR AND AGAINST.

Division I.				For Agst. Up Down			
C.S.C.C.	For	Agst.		For	Agst.	Up	Down
C.S.C.C.	67	49	18	0			
K.C.C.	63	52	17	0			
Recreio	64	48	16	0			
C.C.C.	60	47	13	0			
K.B.G.C.	47	60	0	13			
Taikoo	48	64	0	16			
Kowloon Dock	52	69	0	17			
Police	49	67	0	18			
Division II.				For Agst. Up Down			
K.C.C.	For	Agst.		For	Agst.	Up	Down
K.C.C.	67	42	25	0			
K.B.G.C.	70	54	16	0			
Yacht Club	64	48	16	0			
Recreio	61	48	16	0			
Taikoo	64	71	0	7			
C.C.C.	54	70	0	16			
C.S.C.C.	68	64	0	16			
Electric	42	67	0	25			

I sat behind the base-line at Hampstead while Betty Nuthall was playing. It is from that point the pace of a drive or a service can best be judged. You get to see how it looks to the player who is receiving it. As a result I have no hesitation in saying that off the pitch Betty's drive came as fast as did Helen Wills-Moody's last year, while some of her first services came even faster.—Polaris in The Star.

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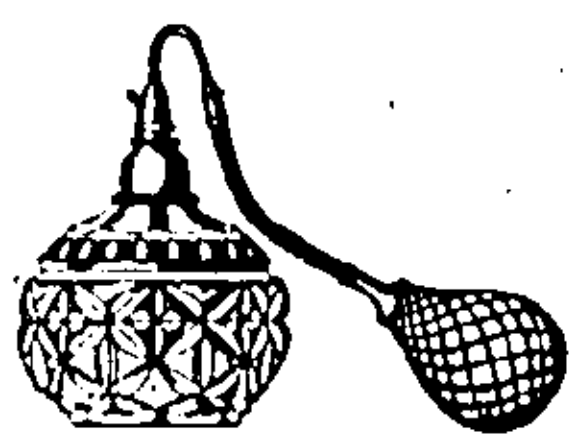
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LARWOOD'S BOWLING.

London, Yesterday.
At Trent Bridge yesterday Notts accounted for Worcestershire by ten wickets after two days' play. Bowlers gained the upper hand throughout, only 371 runs being scored for the 30 wickets which fell. Larwood, the All-England fast bowler claimed 6 wickets for 31 runs out of Worcestershire's first innings total of 77.

Notts defeated Worcestershire by 10 wickets at Trent Bridge.

Scores:—
Worcestershire: 77 (Larwood 6 for 31) and 103.

Notts: 152 (Root 4 for 27, Perks 5 for 40) and 34 for no wicket.

—Reuter.

GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR
SUNDAY.

The Secretary of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club supplies the following list of starting times for Fanning on Sunday:—

9.20 a.m.—(If train is late all times will be adjusted).

9.24 a.m.—J. G. Campbell and S. T. Butlin.

9.28 a.m.—A. M. Parker and A. Reid.

9.32 a.m.—W. C. Haley and J. Richmond.

9.36 a.m.—G. A. Leiper and A. J. Wolfe.

9.40 a.m.—A. Lench and J. A. R. Selby.

9.44 a.m.—H. W. Dully and H. W. Williamson.

9.48 a.m.—R. C. Law and F. Label.

9.52 a.m.—A. C. I. Bowker and W. N. Buyers.

9.56 a.m.—V. R. Gordon and A. H. Penn.

10.00 a.m.—F. A. Redmond and D. J. Gilmore.

10.04 a.m.—A. G. Copplin and H. E. Remington.

10.08 a.m.—J. S. King and A. D. Copplin.

10.12 a.m.—G. W. Carratt and D. F. Cleland.

10.16 a.m.—E. Stone and W. J. Riddiford.

10.20 a.m.—A. H. Ferguson and I. W. Shewan.

10.24 a.m.—E. H. West and J. R. Collis.

10.28 a.m.—G. Castle and J. S. Dykes.

10.32 a.m.—A. D. Humphreys and O. Eager.

10.36 a.m.—L. C. Grover and G. B. Lane.

10.40 a.m.—G. E. Mitchell and E. G. Price.

10.44 a.m.—R. S. W. Paterson and G. W. Pope.

10.48 a.m.—F. C. Young and M. Nicholson.

10.52 a.m.—C. Bumphreys and J. K. MacFarlan.

10.56 a.m.—W. Muleahy and D. McLellan.

11.00 a.m.—D. C. Brodie and R. H. Dowler.

11.04 a.m.—K. K. Rounds and R. Sanger.

11.08 a.m.—W. C. Shields and N. Z. Littlejohn.

11.12 a.m.—P. Sykes and J. Coulthart.

11.16 a.m.—S. S. Strahan and P. S. Cassidy.

11.20 a.m.—W. R. Vallance and P. C. O. Mosely.

SIR T. LIPTON.

London, Yesterday.
Sir Thomas Lipton has been elected a member of the Royal Yacht Squadron.—Reuter.

INTERNATIONAL SOCCER.

Paris, Yesterday.
In the international soccer match, France beat England by 5 goals to 2.—Reuter.

DENMARK DEFEATS ROUMANIA.

Ireland and South
Africa Level.

DAVIS CUP RESULTS.

Copenhagen, Yesterday.
Ulrich and Henriksen beat Mishu and Bunea 6-4, 6-2, 6-3 to give Denmark a three matches to love victory over Roumania.

Earlier Results.
In the Davis Cup match here today Ulrich (Denmark) beat Mishu (Roumania) 6-4, 6-4, 9-7 and Henriksen (Denmark) beat Bunea (Roumania) 6-0, 6-2, 6-3.

Ireland v. South Africa.
Dublin, Yesterday.

Lytleton Rogers (Ireland) beat Spence (South Africa) 6-4, 6-2, 4-6, 4-6, 6-4.

Kirby (South Africa) beat Maguire (Ireland) 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.

7-5.—Reuter.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

CHESS—To-day—Open Championship.

RACING—To-morrow—Fifth Extra Meeting.

LAWN BOWLS—To-morrow—Division I—K.B.G.C. v. Civil Service, Craigengower v. Police, Revere v. Kowloon Dock, Tai Koo v. K.C.C.; Division II—Civil Service v. Craigengower, H.K. Electric v. Tai Koo, Yacht Club v. K.B.G.C., K.C.C. v. Revere.

HOME.

CRICKET—To-day—Hampshire v. New Zealand.

Middlesex v. Gloucester.

Surrey v. Somerset.

Lancashire v. Essex.

Notts v. Worcester.

Cambridge U. v. Yorkshire.

Oxford U. v. Leicester.

To-morrow, Monday and Tuesday—M.C.C. v. New Zealand.

Surrey v. Hampshire.

Sussex v. Gloucester.

Worcester v. Lancashire.

Notts v. Nottingham.

Leicester v. Essex.

Yorkshire v. Warwick.

Derbyshire v. Kent.

Cambridge U. v. Middlesex.

GOLF—To-day—Professional Tournament at Southport (Continued).

ATLETICS—To-morrow—Universities Athletic Union Championships at Manchester.

LAWN TENNIS—Sunday—French International Championships; Davis Cup Second Round to be completed.

TENNIS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL.

League Season Opens
on June 6.

SCORING AMENDMENTS.

At the first meeting of the Council of the Lawn Tennis Association which was held last night the following officers were elected:—
Executive Committee: Messrs. E. C. Finch, S. A. Rumjahn, R. M. Henderson and H. J. Armstrong in addition to the officers of the Association who are ex officio.

Interpret Selection Committee: Messrs. R. E. Lindsell, C. P. F. James, C. F. Lee, M. W. Lo and Ng Sze-kwong.

It was decided to commence the League tennis season on Saturday, June 6. An amendment with regard to the meeting of scoring was passed—a win should receive two points instead of the one point as before. Should a match reach the twelfth game without a definite result it should be declared a draw and half a point awarded to both teams.

The following entries to the League were accepted:—
Division "A".

Chinese Recreation Club, South China Athletic Association, Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Kowloon Cricket Club, Indian Recreation Club.

Division "B".

Kowloon Cricket Club, United Services Recreation Club, Civil

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—
Bank, wire 11½
Bank, on demand 11½
Bank, 4 months' sight 11 13/16
Credits, 4 months' sight 1/— 7/16
Documentary, 4 months' sight 1/— 9/16
On Paris—
On demand 607½
Credits, 4 months' sight 647½
On Berlin—
On demand Nom.
On New York—
On demand 23 13/16
Credits, 60 days' sight 24 15/16
On Bombay—
Wire 65½
On demand 65½
On Calcutta—
Wire 65½
On demand 65½
On Singapore—
On demand 42½
On Manila—
On demand 47½
On Shanghai—
On demand 77½
Dollar 4¼% dia.
On Yokohama—
On demand 48½
Sovereigns 3½% prem.
buying rate) 1/— 3/4
Silver (per oz.) 13 3/16
Bar Silver in Hong Kong Nom.
Copper Cash Nom.
Copper Cents 3% prem.
Rate of Native Interest 3½% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin 23½% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.

Service Cricket Club, Craigengower Cricket Club, University T.C., Club de Revere, Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Nippon Club, Chinese Recreation Club, South China Athletic Association, Indian Recreation Club, Army T.C.

Division "C".

Kowloon Cricket Club, Y.M.C.A., Deutscher Klub, Civil Service Cricket Club, Craigengower Cricket Club, University T.C., Club de Revere, Radio Sports Club, Chinese Recreation Club, South China Athletic Association, Indian Recreation Club, Kowloon Indian T.C., Army T.C.

Mixed Doubles.
Ladies' Recreation Club, University T.C., Club de Revere, United Services Recreation Club, Kowloon Cricket Club, Chinese Recreation Club, Indian Recreation Club.

KIPPAX'S ELEVEN IN DRAWN GAME.

Jackson Scores Another
Century.

BRADMAN INJURED.

Queensland, April 23.
In a two days' match played at the Rockhampton Show Grounds on Saturday and Sunday, Kippax's eleven defeated Central Queensland on the first innings, having a lead of 253, with four wickets in hand. Kippax won the toss, and sent the home side in to bat Early in the innings Bradman injured his ankle, and it is understood that he will be unable to play for the rest of the tour. Nevertheless, this did not interfere with the game on the second day, as it far exceeded that of the first day. It was estimated that the total attendance for the two days was 10,000, the takings amounting to about £700. The home team, by scoring 211 runs, made the highest score against the visitors so far on their tour. Towards the close, in response to cries from the crowd, Bill jumped out to Driscoll's slows, hitting two or three times, one of which went into one of the grand stands.

Scores:—
Central Queensland: 211 (A. Fairfax 4 for 58).

A. Kippax's XI: 464 for 6 (A. Jackson 137, Rigg 50, A. Kippax 81, S. McCabe 72, Bill 50*).

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

Opening Daily Official Quotations 15th May, 1931.

STOCK	Buy-ers	Sell-ers	Sales	Non.	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank .....	\$	...	...	2025	Dec.	[Final 23 bonus 21 for 1929] 1/11 1/2 1/4 Mar. 31
Chartered Bank .....	...	...	...	13	Dec.	[Final 23 bonus 21 for 1929] 1/11 1/2 1/4 Mar. 31
Mercantile Bk., A.B., C. .....	...	...	...	22 1/2	Dec.	[Final 23 bonus 21 for 1929] 1/11 1/2 1/4 Apr. 31
Bank of Asia	\$ 120	...	...	...	Dec.	\$3 for 1929 ... Feb. 28, 31
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	\$ 1415	...	...	...	Dec.	[Fin. \$25000.00 for 1929] Interim \$18000.00 ... Pending
Union Ins.	\$ 688	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 100 for 1929] Interim 50000.00 ... Pending
*China Underwriters	\$ 5.90	5.90	...	...	Dec.	None ...
China Fire Ins.	\$ 600	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 40 bonus 60 and \$14 for 1929] ... Pending
H. K. Fire Ins.	\$ 1800	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 40 bonus 60 and \$14 for 1929] ... Mar. 26, 31
Shipping.						
Douglases .....	\$	...	...	35	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929, ...
H. K. Steamboats .....	\$	...	...	28	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1929 None for 1930, ...
Indo-China (Pref.) .....	\$	...	...	10	Dec.	[25c ex. 2 1/2 on preferred for 1924 and 1925] ... Jan. 4, 31
(Def.)	\$ 80	...	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929 ...
Shell Transport .....	...	...	...	46 1/2	Dec.	[Final 20, Coupon No. 87] ... Jan. 6, 31
Union Waterboats	\$	2 1/2	...	...	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1929 ... Mar. 31, 31
Mining.						
Peaguts .....	\$	...	...	9 1/2	Dec.	Interim 22 cents on 1st 1931 ... Mar. 31, 31
Kailan Mining Ad. .....	...	...	...	39/0	Jan.	[Fin. 1% free 1/2000 (Coupon 88) making 9% for year 1929-30] ... Dec. 20, 30
Langkats (Single) .....	...	...	...	4.05	Oct.	T. 0.50 for year 31-10-30 ... May 6, 30
Shai Exploration .....	...	...	...	2	Dec.	None ...
Loans .....	...	...	...	41	Dec.	[Final T. 0.50 for 1929] ... Feb. 6, 31
*Rauha .....	\$	...	...	39 1/2	Mar.	[Final 1st 17 1/2 for 1929] ... Mar. 16, 31
Venezuela Gold Fields	\$ 3 1/2	...	...	...	...	...
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & K. Wharves	\$ 160 1/2	105	...	...	Dec.	\$2 for 1929 ... Mar. 10, 31
H. K. & W. Docks .....	\$	...	...	34	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929, ...
South Ch. Moors .....	\$	...	...	10	...	...
*China Providents (old) (new)	\$ 5.85 2.70	6.55 2 1/2	...	...	Dec.	[10 cents on old] for 1929 ... April 8, 31
Hongkwa .....	...	...	...	392*	...	[Dividend on new] for 1929 ...
N. Engineering .....	...	...	...	6	Dec.	T. 0.25 for 1929 ... May 4, 31
Shanghai Docks .....	...	...	...	112	Apr.	T. 7 for year 30-4-30 ... July 30, 30
Land, Hotels & Buildings.						
*H. K. & S. Hotel	\$ 17.00 1 1/2	...	...	171 1/2 12 1/2	Dec.	50 cents for 1929 ... Apr. 16, 31
(R.R.)	\$ 5	...	...	...	...	...
H.K. Lands .....	...	...	...	01 00 1/2	Dec.	[Final 20 making 24 for 1929] and \$1 on new loans ... Feb. 10, 31
Shanghai Lands .....	...	...	...	41	Dec.	[Final 17 1/2 for 1929] making T. 21 on old shares ... Mar. 10, 31
Humphreys (old) (new)	\$ 17 1/2 10.60	...	...	...	Dec.	80 cents for 1929 ... Feb. 24, 31
H. K. Realities	\$ 132 14	...	...	139 1/2 1/4	Dec.	[Final 20 cents] making 100 cents for 1929 ... Apr. 16, 31
Chinese Estates	\$ 80	...	...	...	Feb.	\$1 for year 29-3-30 ... July 31, 30
Cotton Mills.						
*Ewo Cotton .....	...	18.35	...	...	Dec.	T. 0.75 for 1929 ... Mar. 18, 31
Shanghai Cotton .....	...	103	...	...	(Apr. and Oct.)	T. 3.25 for half year 31-10-30 ... Nov. 20, 30
Zuag Slugs .....	...	...	...	11 1/2	June	T. 0.80 for year 30-6-30 ... Oct. 11, 30
Public Utilities.						
*H. K. Tramways	\$ 10	...	...	19/19 45	Dec.	[Final of 40 cents] for 1929 making 30 cents ... Feb. 27, 31
Peak Trams (old) (new)	\$ 1 1/2	...	...	1 1/2 6	Apr.	[Final 100 cents on old] for year 1929-30 ... June 16, 30
Star Ferries	\$ 94 1/2	...	...	05	...	\$4 for 1929 ... Feb. 18, 31
*China Light	\$ 25	...	...	...	Sept.	[Final 100 cts. 40 77.00-40-30] ... Dec. 15, 30
H. K. Electric	\$ 80	...	...	...	Dec.	\$2.50 for 1929 ... Mar. 29, 31
Macao .....	\$	...	...	38	Dec.	...
Sandakan Light .....	\$	...	...	...	June	None ...
H.K. Tels. fully paid .....	\$	...	...	...	...	[Final 60 making 10%] 1/2 1929 ... Mar. 11, 31
China Buses .....	...	...	...	41	...	T. 0.50 for 1929 ... Feb. 25, 30
S'pore Tractors (Ord./P. Pref.) .....	...	...	...	0 1/2 10 1/2	Sept.	[1/4 on preference shares] Subject to income tax ... Feb. 6, 31
Industrials.						
China Sugars .....	\$	...	...	80 cts.	...	In Liquidation ...
Malaban Sugars .....	\$	...	...	39	Dec.	Pa. 4.50 for 1929 ... Mar. 4, 31
Cald. Macg. Ord. .....	...	...	...	14	Dec.	[T. 1 1/2 0.80] for 1929 ... Mar. 27, 31
Canton Ice .....	\$	...	...	3.60	July	None ...
*Cements (com.) (old) (new)	\$ 19.40 15 1/2	...	...	19 1/2 5.15	Dec.	20 cents on old 10 cents on new for 1929 ... Mar. 18, 31
H. K. Ropes .....	\$	...	...	38	Dec.	75 cents for 1929 ... Mar. 27, 31
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farms	\$ 27	...	...	37	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1929 ... Mar. 18, 31
Watsons	\$ 14.80	...	...	138.85 1/4	Oct.	75 cents for year 31-10-30 ... Mar. 16, 31
Der A Wings .....	\$	...	...	1	...	...
Lane Crawford .....	\$	...	...	61	Feb.	Last dividend for year 25-2-25 ...
Mackinnons .....	\$	...	...	18	Feb.	\$2 for year 29-2-31 ... Apr. 30, 31
Sioceros .....	\$	...	...	1 1/2	...	...
Wm. Powells	\$	8 1/2	...	...	Feb.	25 cents 1/2 year 22-2-22 ... June 10, 29
Miscellaneous.						
H.K. Amusement (old) (new) .....	...	...	...	20 1/2 29 1/2	Mar.	\$2.50 for year 31-4-30 ... Sept. 27, 30
Ch. Entertainment	\$	10	...	...	...	...
H. K. Constructors	\$ 7 1/2	...	...	7.50	Dec.	30 cents for 1929 ... Apr. 22, 31
Y. Ind. O. Bonds	70%	...	...	...	...	...
H. K. Govt. Loans	3%	Pres.	Interest half yearly ...
*Speculative shares. *Sales to Shanghai.						

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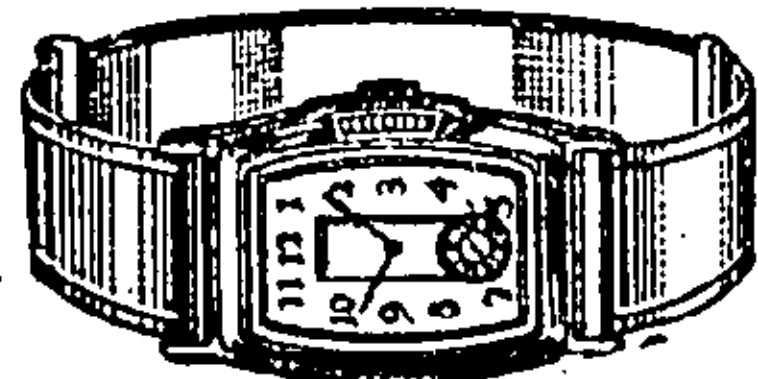
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DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS
ON GANDHI.

Lord Irwin a Man of
Large Heart.

INDIAN WASHINGTON.

Bombay, April 16.
Mr. Douglas Fairbanks, the
famous American film star, arrived
here yesterday from Delhi.

In the course of a conversation
with journalists, Mr. Douglas
Fairbanks said India was mar-
vellously interesting to him from
every point of view. He had a
thrilling time of it in Cooch Behar,
where he killed 6 panthers and
four tigers. He enjoyed every
minute of his stay in this country.
Though he was not fully conversant
with Indian politics, he could not
help comparing Mr. Gandhi to
George Washington.

The film star said that he was
very much impressed with the
trust and faith the majority of the
Indian public had placed in Mr.
Gandhi, the father of the great new
Satyagraha movement. In this
respect, Mr. Gandhi had, he said, no
parallel in history, except George
Washington. Though he had not
the pleasure of meeting Mr.
Gandhi, from what he had heard
and read during his travel in India,
he understood Mr. Gandhi was a
fine man.

Mr. Fairbanks added that he had
a lengthy talk with the Viceroy in
Delhi just before his departure, and
found Lord Irwin a man of large
heart. He was easily the most
sympathetic friend of India.

Indian Cinemas.

Referring to cinemas in India,
Mr. Fairbanks said he attended
few shows in Calcutta. Indian
pictures had good projections, and
were interesting. Indian acting
was of a very high standard. He
met a few tragedians and comedians
who had acted marvellously. There
was no distinction between Indian
and English acting. Rather, the
West had to learn a good deal from
some of the Indian actors.

Turning to the future of
"talkies," Mr. Douglas Fairbanks
said he did not know how it would
shape. In its present state, there
was too much of talking which
spoiled the effect of many pictures.
He was in favour of a judicious
combination of "talkies" and silent
pictures. Mr. Fairbanks is sailing
for Britain to-morrow to meet Mrs.
Fairbanks. After spending the
Summer and Autumn on the
Continent, Mr. Fairbanks, in the
company of his wife, will visit
India during the next cold weather.
It will be remembered Mr. Fair-
banks arrived in India on March
16, and travelled all over Bengal,
Central India and Delhi.

May Return With Mary
Pickford.

"The political situation in India
is none of my business," said Mr.
Douglas Fairbanks on his departure
for Britain.

"Nevertheless I have the greatest
admiration for the work which
Britons in India have so far accom-
plished. Lord Irwin particularly,
with whom I had a long talk in
Delhi, is a very fine man."

Fairbanks was more interested
in shooting and said he had bagged
six panthers and had a few shots at
tigers in Cooch Behar.

Asked if he intended to produce
films with an Indian background he
said that while he was yet undecided,
nevertheless, such a wealth of
spectacular material was available
that he had no doubt the inspiration
for such films would come, but
owing to defective technical
facilities he could not shoot any
scenes in India.

"I look forward," he added, "to
returning to this wonderful country
with my wife in the course of a
few months."

KING'S HEALTH DRUNK IN TEA.

Opening of Co-operative Society's
New Warehouse.

London, April 22.
Seven-hundred tea-cups were
raised to drink in tea the health of
the King at a luncheon given by the
English and Scottish Co-operative
Wholesale Society to celebrate the
opening in London of a new tea
warehouse, which will enable the
Society to cope with an output of
1,700,000 lb. a week.

The toast of the Society was pro-
posed by the Prime Minister, Mr.
Ramsay MacDonald, who recalled
its humble beginning at Rochdale,
and said it now occupied a unique
place in the history of human de-
mocracy.

The Premier pointed out that the
Society's sales of tea had increased
from 27,000,000 lb. in 1913 to
61,000,000 lb. in 1928, and it now
occupied a premier position in the
Empire as growers, dealers, im-
porters, blenders, packers and dis-
tributors.

Sir Herbert Samuel, M.P., point-
ed out that the Society purveyed
one-fifth of the tea consumed in
Great Britain.

RUINED TEMPLES OF
BENGAL.Government Attempt to
Preserve Relics.

WORK OF EXCAVATION.

The small village of Paharpur,
three miles from Jamalpur, a
station on the Eastern Bengal
Railway, so long unknown to the
outside public, has now become
a centre of pilgrimage as a re-
sult of the excavation of a huge
ruined temple and other relics of
ancient civilisation of Bengal.

The Archaeological Depart-
ment of the Government of India
is in charge of operations. The
interest which the discovery has
aroused may serve as an inducement
to students interested in
tracing the origin of art, sculp-
ture and archaeology of Bengal
to pay a visit to it.

Nature's Ravages.

It was expected last year that,
so far as the excavation of the
place was concerned, it would
come to an end this year. But
the prophecy appears to be
somewhat premature in view of
the results of the excavation
conducted so far. It is likely that
a few more years will have to be
spent before the work of explora-
tion is complete.

In the meantime, the climate
of Bengal is having its vengeance
on the exposed ruins. So long
as they were underneath the de-
bris they were kept in a fit state
of preservation by Nature, but
now they are showing distinct
signs of decay, and if immediate
steps are not taken it is feared
that not only their freshness but
also their durability will be
jeopardised. It may, therefore,
be assumed that the expert ad-
vice of the Archaeological
Chemist of the Government of
India will be sought to check the
already damaged finds from fur-
ther decay.

Conservation Work.

A visit to the place first im-
presses the eye with the conserva-
tion work that is going on
on apace. The work was commene-
d with the various cells, about
196 in number, forming a quad-
rangular area, the main mound.
The present Superintendent is
keen on maintaining the original
style of the ruins which will
help the interested visitor to
have a genuine idea of the origi-
nal structure of the building and

its style. So far as the main
mound is concerned, though it is
fully exposed and has been part-
ly repaired, it has been left quite
untouched this year.

The extensive excavation on
the southern side of the quadran-
gle, which has been done this
year, has brought many impor-
tant finds to public view. The
most interesting of them and
perhaps of the whole lot hitherto
unearthed in Paharpur, is the
discovery of a plinth or a replica
of the main temple. It looks ex-
actly like the main temple and
has an equal number of angles.
Close to it has been exhumed
five brick-built vedis (pedestals)
of different sizes and styles. By
the side of these has been un-
earthed a big brick-built well,
which is in a perfect state of pre-
servation. The construction of
all these finds suggests that they
are as old as the main temple,
which is ascribed to date from
the Fifth Century, A.D.

More Land Required.

A portion of the stone steps
has been unearthed near the east
gate. The lowermost of these
suggests that it was the original
level of the temple. The level at
present maintained is, therefore,
false, and the original level,
which is about two feet down it,
has been abandoned owing to the
seepage of water. The original
plan of the temple according to
which the land was acquired by
the Government for the purposes
of excavation, has proved to be
insufficient by the excavation con-
ducted during the present year.
Although the excavation is al-
ready beyond the land acquired
by the Government, the end is
still not in sight. The work done
beyond the main gate on the
north has brought to light two
brick-built plinths on either side
of the gate which are symmetri-
cal and are situated at equal dis-
tances from the gate.

Terra Cotta Plaques.

The innumerable terra cotta
plaques, which once decorated
the basement of the huge temple
measuring about 360 feet in its
extreme length, 318 feet in
breadth and about 75 feet in
height have been housed in a
temporary shed. The impor-
tance of these plaques to the
student of plastic art appears to
be great and requires a small
museum for their permanent
housing there. The observing
eye will find out that stone be-
ing somewhat difficult to get
from nearby, the ancient Bengali
artist and sculptor had given ex-
pression to his feeling most won-
derfully on these plaques. Here

BUILDINGS LAST TOO
LONG!A Steel "Chief" on Need
for New Designs.

PROGRESS PREVENTED.

"It is high time we regarded a
building as a commodity, not as a
permanent monument, and that
the law stopped compelling us to
put up buildings which are bound
to outlast their usefulness."

Mr. C. J. Kavanagh, Director of
the British Steel Work Association,
made this statement to the Even-
ing News.

The British Steel Work Associa-
tion has just collaborated with the
Department of Scientific and In-
dustrial Research in putting up
the skeleton of a three-storey steel
building at Watford.

"The whole frame is loaded with
water tanks so that, for experi-
mental purposes, strains up to 27
tons can be applied to any points
of the steel frame, which is with-
out floors or walls."

The tests to be carried out
there will lead, it is hoped, to a
wider appreciation of the uses and
advantages of steel construction.

Made to Last Too Long.

Mr. Kavanagh maintains that
present-day restrictions and re-
gulations hamper the British
building trade from putting up
structures which are sound pro-
positions, not only architecturally,
but economically.

"The earning life of a building
is limited," he said, "and our Lon-
don buildings are out of date long
before they are worn out; think
of the Hotel Cecil. But we con-
tinue to build under regulations
which will make a building last at
least twice as long as it is want-
ed."

"The building of modern hotels,
office blocks, and stores is now an
affair of engineering. One should
no more think of building them
for performance than one would
think of intending a ship to last

he had not to suffer in the least
from any paucity of stone, and,
as a matter of fact, he had abun-
dantly used this most available
material for carving stories
dealing with the exploits of Lord
Krishna and the fables of Lord
Sanskrit Aesop. In giving shape
to his emotional feeling he had
broken asunder the people's tra-
dition most mercilessly.

for ever. It is not that they wear
out; it is their design that grows
out of date.

"The economic life of a build-
ing is about thirty years,
and even if it is not out of date
at the end of that time it is quite
probable that the value of its site
has entirely altered. Look how
London's hotel and shopping
centres have been moving west,
for instance, and imagine the
plight of a giant department store
built to last a hundred years and
put up fifty years ago in, say,
Chesham."

Designers Tied Down.

"Architects, financiers, en-
gineers, and everybody who is in-
terested in building, will tell you
how they are hampered and
bothered at every turn by the law.
Before we rationalise the building
industry we must rationalise the
laws about it."

"Why can't we have some gen-
eral regulations that a building
must be passed as satisfactory,
safe, hygienic, and reasonably fire-
proof? At present we are tied
down to innumerable details."

"If I want to build a wall of
hollow blocks I can't do it in such
and such a place, however strong
the blocks may be, because the re-
gulation says the wall must con-
sist of solid brick 14½ inches thick,
for instance."

Does anybody imagine that a
man who is spending a million
pounds on a new building, for
which he has to find tenants, is
going to be such an idiot as to
build something unsafe and un-
healthy? The London County
Council is showing a very reason-
able and go-ahead spirit, but still
we are tied down by out-of-date
laws.

"Consider the limitations of
height in London. A steel build-
ing as high as the Hotel Cecil
would be thirty per cent. lighter,
so it could be built much higher
without any more risk of sub-
sidence."

More Floors.

"Look at the price you have to
pay for modern flats in the huge
new buildings. If these buildings
had been a couple of floors high-
er, the extra accommodation would
pay for the rates, a huge item in
the landlord's expenses."

"Even the traffic problem is
affected. If you could put up a
big, high building, in the centre
of a site, you could surround it
with very broad roads. But to-
day people are condemned by the
regulations to build so low that
they are forced to use the whole
of the ground area in order to
make reasonable economic use of

the site, and so the narrow roads
remain.

"If high buildings are accused
of excluding light and air, what
about the sunny freshness of our
slum streets, with their rows and
rows of three-storey houses?"

"Artistically, the regulations are
maddening. I said to an architect
the other day: 'I suppose 50 per
cent. of your work consists in
worrying about regulations?' He
replied that he only wished the
percentage were so low!"

"Now is our chance to tackle
the whole question nationally."

A Clean Sweep.

"If we are going to alter the
London arrangements, it would be
far the best thing to make a clean
sweep, so that Glasgow and Edin-
burgh and all other cities work
under a single, sensible and, above
all, flexible system of regulations."

"For the regulations must keep
pace with engineering progress.
Every year new systems of con-
struction came into being and au-
tomatically put a whole group of
regulations out of date by solving
purely technical problems."

MR. CHAPLIN'S CROSS.

The Legion of Honour is Not
Pleased.

"Military members of the Legion
of Honour who earned their de-
coration on the battlefield are in-
tensely annoyed because the Cross
of a Knight of the Legion has been
bestowed by the French Govern-
ment on Mr. Charles Chaplin."

They have made a formal pro-
test, which has been sent by the
Association of Members of the
order.

According to the "Action Fran-
caise" the ex-service men who have
been decorated do not see why the
red ribbon of the Legion, tinged
with the blood of heroes, should be
bestowed on a clown, who has
made millions by his clowning, and
is thus placed on a level with
those who shed their blood for
their country.

Mr. Chaplin has become a mem-
ber of an order which includes, be-
sides heroes of the great war, a
woman who gave birth to nineteen
children; M. Escoffier, who inven-
ted peche Melba; several dress-
makers, and Dr. Voronoff, the
"monkey-gland" expert.

COMING ???

JUST IMAGINE

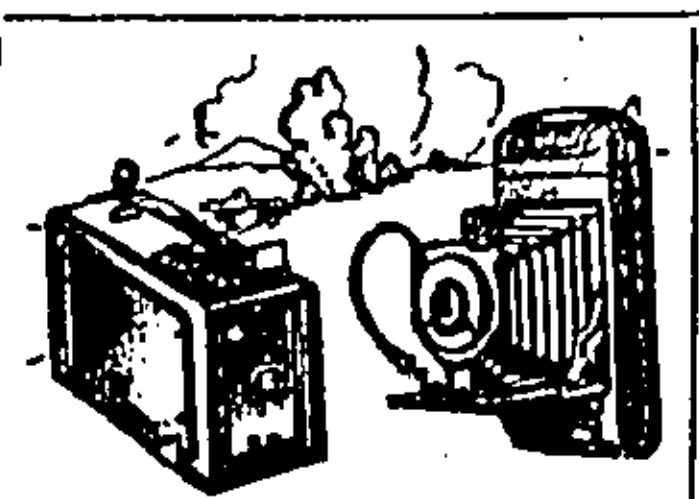
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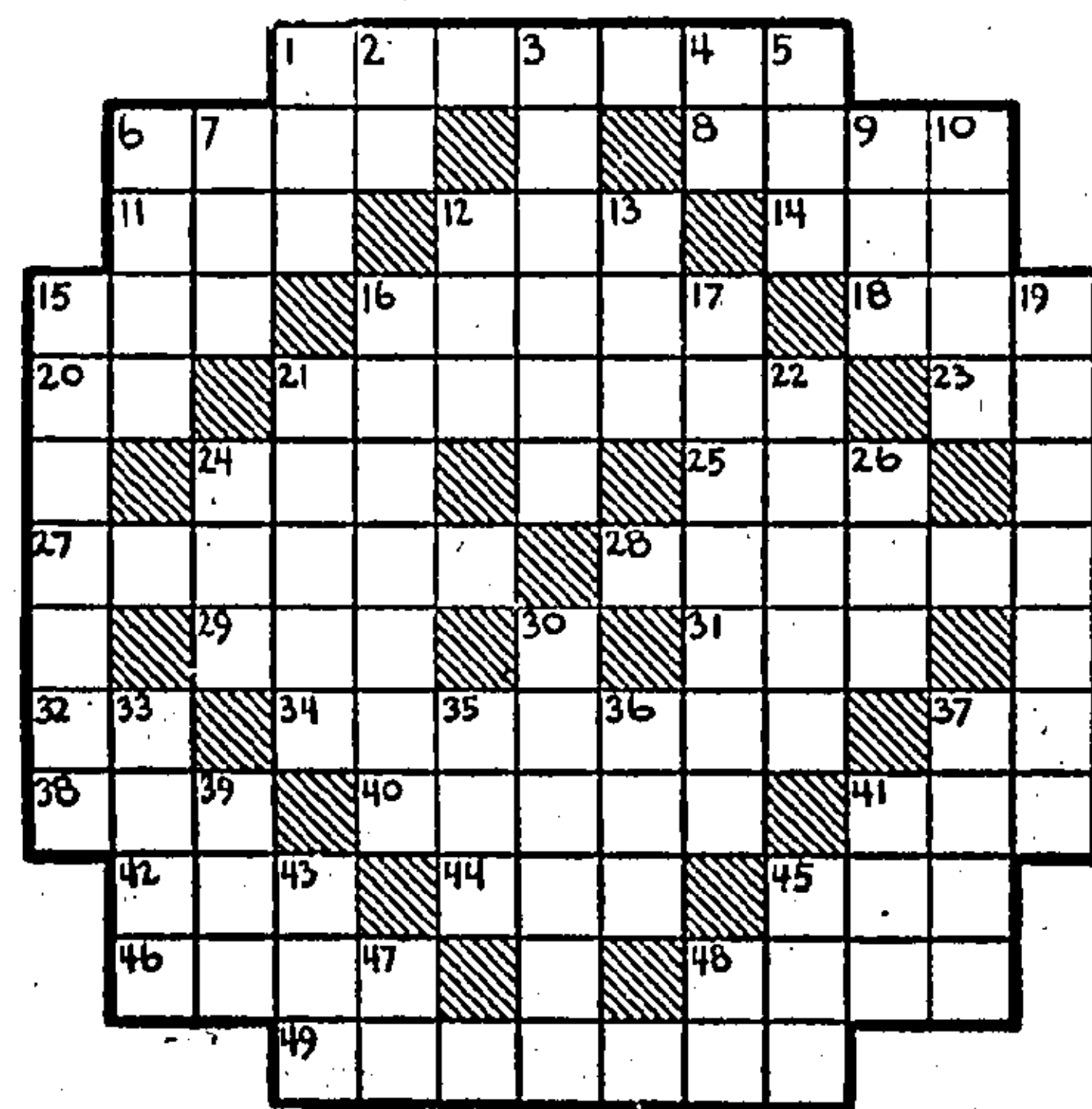
ANNOUNCES HIS REMOVAL



To

2, WYNDHAM STREET,
3rd floor.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



VERTICAL (Cont.)
 12-Suffix, same as an
 13-An elongated fish
 15-A kind of wind
 16-Moved faster
 17-Enlist men
 19-Drank to the
 health of
 21-A stone beer-mug
 22-Distributes
 24-A month (abbr.)
 26-Entomology (abbr.)
 30-Feminine name
 33-Every
 35-Mile
 36-Point of compass
 (abbr.)
 37-Curve
 39-American writer
 41-The sheltered side
 43-Tablet
 45-Couch
 47-Act
 48-Pronoun

Diane

"Under Suspicion" seems promising material. It is a song romance of the North-West, with two capable stars—Lois Moran, who is 100 per cent. an actress, (she is among the few Movie actresses who has made good on Broadway), and is full of charm. We have seen her here in "Behind that Curtain," and "Not Damaged" and she will shortly be showing in "The Dancers." J. Harold Murray was the original male lead in "Rio Rita. He has not been handed suitable vehicles up to date, but he has quite good chances in this play. Kerrigan (Irish) remembered in "Song O' My Heart," and Lumsden Hare (English) in "So this is London," all lend good support. The story depicts the adventures of a famous British ace, who, to save the honour of his family, loses his identity, renounces his title and after the Armistice joins the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. E. F. Erickson directed and there are some beautiful "shots" of the Canadian Rockies. We are treated to some charming song, numbers, aided by a large chorus. The hero rescues the heroine's father by aeroplane in a big forest fire. The final wedding scene allows opportunity for the wearing of some attractive gowns. The name of Lois Moran should be attraction enough for you, and the singing is first-rate. (King's).

Hell's Angels.
No need to boast "Hell's Angels." It has that "kick" that will make it a huge success here. It took four million dollars and three years to make. For its kind it is stupendous. The story is just an excuse to carry the thrills. Ben Lyon and James Hall are the two brother "up" at Oxford, one noble, the other a weakling. The good brother shoots the weaker one when accused of treason. But as I said before, do not bother about the story. Go and see the air shots—the photography, the Zeppelin raid over London. All these things help to make it an epic of the air.

Ben Lyon married Bebe Daniels and set forth on a new career in the Talkies. Howard Hughes bought his contract from First National who had for months not given the actor a part worth playing. He drew a very large salary when the Movie version of this play started, with Greta Nissen as the star. Then when it was finished the Talkies came and the whole thing had to be scrapped. Ben was kept on, Jean Harlow, an attractive ashen-haired Society girl from Chicago, was put in. Greta's place, and Howard Hughes, the Oil Millionaire, started in to spend a few more million dollars. Jean looks the proverbial vamp, the love scenes are steam-heated (if the Censor has not stepped in here) but who cares? We shall go to see the War in the Air. (Queen's).

"Rango."

Into the jungle of Sumatra a clever man named Ernest Schoedsack took a camera and great patience. He brought back as engrossing a Movie as one could wish to find—(if you love animals like I do this picture will not appeal. I did not care to see the tragedy and retribution in the lives of jungle beasts). I must admit that "Rango" is utterly, magnificently different from anything else. Perhaps you will do as I did, give a sob for the death of Rango. (Central).

After "Hell's Angels" finishes we shall have three days of "Whoopie," one of the finest musicals ever shown here. Whoopie—(Queen's).

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"Beau Bandit" with Rod La Rocque in a type of play which he likes, supported by the far-too-



seldom seen lovely Doris Kanyon
—(Mrs. Milton Sills) coming to
the Central. I think you will like
it, and I doubt if Miss Kanyon is
capable of giving anything but a
good performance.
"Just Imagine."

of skyscrapers with aeroplanes taking the place of automobiles are impressive and convincing. It shows a fantastic conception of life in 1980, fifty years from now. El Brendel, the Swede, Marjorie White, Maureen O'Sullivan and John Garrick share in the acting. I live in the present, that is enough for me, so I do not fancy seeing life as it will be when I have passed on, but for the young people it will be of vast interest, no doubt. (King's).

"Trader Horn."

Extraordinary tribute must be paid to the artists, directors, camera men, electricians, etc., who braved the fevers of the African veldt to bring back "Trader Horn" for the world's benefit.. London is mad about it, and very soon we are to have it here. The opening night at Graumann's Hollywood Theatre was marvellous. Wallace Beery did the introducing over the Radio. Thousands of people blocked the Boulevard for miles. Critics used up all their superlatives in describing the production. Shortly coming to the Queen's.



Dorothy Jordan.

nuch praise cannot be given to all the artistes. (Queen's).

"Paid."

After seeing Joan Crawford in "Paid" I am wondering just how long she will keep my sincere admiration—certainly NOT if she gives such performances as she did in this once-upon-a-time strong drama. Her conception of the part of Mary Turner was WRONG from every angle. Mary was no quitter, but Miss Crawford gave me the impression of FEAR from the first scene to the final fade-out. Mary, by her clever lawyer-like brain held the other crooks in the hollow of her hand, not only from her knowledge of the law, but by her air of breeding her pluck. I flatter myself that I speak and understand American, but WHAT was said three-quarters of the time by the new pasty-faced lead known as Kent Douglas, I really do NOT know. (Let the so-called actor stick

to the stage). Joe Carson, played by Robert Armstrong, could not compare with the acting of Lew Cody in the Movies; he never had a moment's sympathy from me. The story was SO altered that I did not know where I was. I am still waiting for the real culprit to enter—half the people who saw the play will have to take Mary's word that she did not commit the theft. I am not surprised that half the gorgeous part of Aggie was "Cut" when played by Marie Prevost, and I am further NOT surprised that M.G.M. did not renew her contract. She looked a little older than her fourteen years, and she should copy Miss Crawford—go in for detesting. From an ardent fan a few words of advice—let Miss Crawford stick to "Modern Daughters" type, or resign and raise a family of small Fairbanks. (Queen's).

After seeing "Passion Flower" I cannot help quoting something I read the other day. Novelist chatting to publisher "By the way," asked the latter—"Where did you get the plot of your second novel?"

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

	B	L	I	N	D		C	R	A	N	T	
M	E		A	I	L		M	O	O		O	R
A	R		A	V	A	I	L	A	B	L	E	
	A	B	A	L	E		L	E	D	E		
N	E	A	R		L	E	E					
E	R	N		M	E	R	R		P	A	S	
	E	D	E	M	A		S	O	D	O	R	S
		O	R	I	O	N		A	B	O	R	E
	C	L	A	I	R		B	E	R	A	S	E
D	I	T		F	O	A	L		S	A	P	
A	N	N	A		R	A			L	E	T	O

"From the Talkie version of my first" was the answer.—Plays to date that I have seen so mutilated that not even the author can recognize—"Rogue Song," "New Moon" ("Passion Flower," etc. (I can etc., ad infinitum.) I wonder what inspired Charles Bickford to give such an excellent performance in "Dynamite," and NEVER act since.

Zazu Pitts and Kay Francis with a little help from small boy, stole the picture. Continuity? awful chopping was changing from scene to scene, with gaps of years made me dizzy—what was wrong with William de Mille? Bickford was SO awful, so amateurish that no girl in her senses would leave home for him, little alone two such attractive ones. No, M.G.M., I can't give you any bouquets for these last two pictures.

Chevalier's Latest.
I wonder HOW much they will stick to the story of "The Waltz Dream" in Chevalier's latest "The Smiling Lieutenant's. Anyhow, they still keep to the original names Franzl the Cafe Violinist, and Nikl the Lieutenant, Miriam Hopkins, who was so good in "Fast and Loose," will be the Princess Anna—it MAY be another "Love Parade." IF they keep to something like the original text—Claudette Colbert as Franzl. I look forward to it, but I certainly hope we shall have the glorious music too. (Paramount).



Robert Montgomery.

Play written by Ursula Parrott—who wrote "Divorcee," and does it skate on this ice? Oh Boy.

After seeing "Love among the Millionaires" I am more than ever convinced that little Mitzl Green is the cleverest child actress ever seen on the screen. I have seen her in vaudeville with her parents, give an impression of Ethel Barrymore with that delightful cultured speaking voice that staggered me, then laugh, sing, (how does she keep that voice) imitate Charles Mack. Yea the child is uncannily clever.

Did you know THAT—C. Audrey Smith, (now a success in Hollywood) was a schoolmate of Lord Robert Baden Powell's? They were at Charterhouse together.

THAT—Adolphe Menjou commanded an Ambulance Company on both the French and Italian Fronts during the War.

THAT—after Robert Montgomery's father failed in business, young Robert went on a Standard Oil Tanker as deck hand.

THAT—Reginald Denny—once refused an offer to become French Instructor at an American College.

Words of wisdom from Ma Janis, (mother of Elsie)—"There is only one thing you can do when you've made a mistake. Try to rectify it, then forget it. Only weaklings cling to mistakes. Remorse is always a deadening and useless emotion. It satisfies your conscience but prevents action."

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

		May 6, June, June,		1931.	1918.	1914.		
Butcher Meat.		Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.		
Beef	Sirloin	牛	尾	肥	lb.	33	24	12
"	Prime Cut	"	"	"	"	80	29	11
"	Corned	咸	牛	牛	"	—	23	12
"	Roast	咸	牛	肉	lb.	33	24	12
"	Breast	牛	牛	肉	"	30	20	18
"	Soup	牛	牛	肉	"	27	20	18
"	Steak	牛	牛	肉	"	33	24	12
"	Steak Sirloin	牛	牛	肉	"	45	30	35
"	Sausages	牛	牛	肉	"	86	28	20
Bullock's	Brains	牛	牛	腦	per set	17	10	12
"	Tongue, fresh	牛	牛	舌	each	75	50	60
"	Tongue, corned	咸	牛	牛	"	—	60	—
"	Head	牛	牛	頭	"	\$1.20	—	\$1.20
"	Heart	牛	牛	心	lb.	24	18	14
"	Hump, Salt	牛	牛	肩	"	—	20	18
"	Feet	牛	牛	腳	each	12	10	12
"	Kidneys	牛	牛	腰	"	15	10	12
"	Tail	牛	牛	尾	"	27	20	22
"	Liver	牛	牛	肝	lb.	24	13	14
"	Triceps	牛	牛	肚	"	8	6	7
Calves'	Head & Feet	牛	仔	腳	set	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$1.00
Mutton	Chop	羊	羊	排	lb.	44	26	—
"	Leg	羊	羊	羊	"	44	26	—
"	Shoulder	羊	羊	羊	"	40	24	—
"	Saddle	羊	羊	鞍	"	44	—	—
Pig's	Chillings	猪	猪	肉	lb.	30	27	—
"	Brains	猪	猪	腦	Per set	3	—	—
"	Feet	猪	猪	腳	lb.	18	15	—
"	Fry	猪	猪	頭	"	28	15	13
"	Head	猪	猪	頭	"	18	20	—
"	Kidneys	猪	猪	心	each	15	10	10
"	Liver	猪	猪	肝	lb.	48	30	24
Pork	Chop	猪	猪	排	"	36	25	23
"	Leg	猪	猪	腿	"	37	—	—
"	Loin	猪	猪	腰	"	42	60	70
"	Fat or Lard	猪	猪	油	"	26	21	—
Sheep's	Head & Feet	羊	羊	頭	per set	12	8	7
"	Heart	羊	羊	心	each	15	12	10
"	Kidneys	羊	羊	腰	"	45	26	25
"	Liver	羊	羊	肝	"	25	28	22
Sucking	Pigs, to order	猪	猪	猪	lb.	26	20	18
Swet, Beef	.....	牛	牛	油	"	86	28	25
"	Mutton	羊	羊	油	"	22	20	20
Veal	.....	牛	牛	仔	"	28	—	—
"	Sausages	牛	牛	仔	"	82	—	—
"	No. 1	牛	牛	仔	"	82	—	—

		May 6, June, June,		
		1931. 1915. 1914.		
Poultry.		<i>Cts.</i>	<i>Cts.</i>	<i>Cts.</i>
Chickens	雞	lb.	60	30 31
Capon, Small	雞	"	50	28 30
Capon, Large	雞	"	62	28 30
Duck	鴨	"	45	22 21
Doves	斑鳩	each	40	22 21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per doz.	33	18 —
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	鮮雞蛋	"	40	25 20
Fowls, Canton	新嘉坡雞	lb.	68	36 24
Fowls, Hainan	海南雞	"	58	85 24
Geese	鵝	"	46	24 24
Pigeons, Canton	鴿	each	40	80 —
"	Hohow	"	32	28 —
Turkeys, Cock	火雞	lb.	75	— —
Turkeys, Hen	母雞	"	60	61 45
Snipe	沙撈越	each	28	— —
Pheasant	山雞	pair	3.50	— —
Quail	鶉	each	40	— —
Partridges	鶉	"	1.40	— —

Almonds	杏仁	lb.	85	36	—
Apples (California) ..	金山蘋果	"	34	26	—
Bananas (bride's)	金山香蕉	"	6	4	—
Carambola	楊桃	"	—	12	—
Cocoanuts	椰子	each	13	10	10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	12	25	30
Lemons (American) ..	金山檸檬	each	13	8	—
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	85	25	30
Oranges (Canton)	新會甜橙	"	28	—	—
Oranges	橙	"	40	—	15
Pears (Canton)	梨	"	36	—	—
Peanuts	花生	"	14	12	12
Persimmons, Large ..	紅柿	"	—	12	—
Plantain	蕉	"	5	8	—
Pumelo, Siam	大羅柚	each	20	12	6
Walnuts	胡桃	lb.	24	—	16

Artichokes	蓊芽	芝	each	12	—	2
Beans, Sprout	豆苗	竹	lb.	5	—	7
" Long	長豆	菜	"	—	8	—
Bitter Root	苦蕒	瓜	"	12	—	—
Bitter Squash	苦瓠	瓜	"	15	24	—
Brinjals, Green	青茄	瓜	"	8	5	3
" Red	紅茄	瓜	"	6	5	3
Cabbage, Chinese	芥蘭	菜	"	9	—	—
(Shanghai)	上海菜	菜	"	12	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	蔗	菜	"	10	—	—
Cauliflower (Large)	大椰菜	菜	each	—	—	—
(Medium)	中椰菜	菜	"	—	—	—
(Small)	細椰菜	菜	"	—	0	0
Carrots	金鐘	菜	lb.	8	5	6
Celery, Chinese	塘藕	菜	"	12	10	6
Chillies, Dried	乾辣椒	菜	"	14	25	5
" Red	紅辣椒	菜	"	12	10	10
" Green	青辣椒	菜	"	8	8	12
Curry Stuff, English	印度材料	菜	"	10	8	—
Cucumbers	瓜	菜	"	8	2	—
Garlic	蒜	菜	"	10	6	6
Ginger, Young	嫩薑	菜	"	10	7	—
" Old	老薑	菜	"	9	20	—
Horseradish, Shanghai	上海蔞	菜	"	35	8	4
Indian Corn	粟	菜	"	9	45	—
Lettuce	生菜	菜	"	8	1	—
Water Chestnuts	荸薺	菜	"	9	—	8
" Mandarin	桂林	菜	"	12	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮蘑菇	菜	"	—	—	8
Okroes	茄	菜	"	—	1	10
Onions, Bombay	洋蔥	菜	"	10	8	8
" Green	青蔥	菜	"	6	4	5
" Shanghai	上海蔥	菜	"	8	6	—
Parsley	芹	菜	"	10	60	8
Potato, Sweet	甘薯	菜	"	5	8	—
" Japanese	日本薯仔	菜	"	4	3	—
" American	金山薯仔	菜	"	7	3	—
Pumpkin	南瓜	菜	"	4	4	—
Radish	紅蘿蔔	菜	"	5	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大紅	菜	"	18	—	10
Shallots	蔥	菜	"	8	—	8
Spinach	莧菜	菜	"	8	8	—
Tomatoes	茄	菜	"	14	4	—
Taro	芋	菜	"	5	7	—
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KAI TAK BUILDING.

EXPENDITURE IN 1928 APPROVED.

COUNCIL MEETING.

Expenditure of the sum of \$692,783 in respect of the construction of Kai Tak Aerodrome was approved at a meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday, which was presided over by H.E. the Governor.

Col. C. R. U. Savile took his seat on the Council as Hon. Officer Commanding the Troops.

In moving the resolution as regards Kai Tak, the Colonial Secretary said:—

"That this Council approves of the expenditure in the year 1928 from the surplus balances of the Colony of the sum of \$692,783, in respect of the construction of the Kai Tak Aerodrome, such sum being recoverable from the first instalment of the contribution made by the Imperial Government."

He said:—On September 23, 1929, this Council approved, as will be within the recollection of honourable members, the construction of the Kai Tak Aerodrome at an estimated cost of \$1,639,467 exclusive of contributions from His Majesty's Government, and at the same time authorized the sum of \$1,080,288.74 of that amount to be charged to the Public Works (1927) Loan and to be expended from loan funds during the financial year 1928. Simultaneously an advance from the surplus balances of the Colony of the sum of \$78,114.17 was authorized in respect of the financial year 1928.

The Imperial grant of £70,000, realising \$692,783, was spent in the year 1928 but was not actually brought to account until January, 1929, and the resolution which I now propose is therefore necessary in order to legalize the expenditure of the equivalent of that contribution which, so far as the year 1928 is concerned, is in excess of the sum authorized by the September 1929 resolution.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded and the resolution was agreed to. The first reading of a Bill intituled "an Ordinance to amend the law relating to the registration of births and deaths, was approved.

The following Bills, which received their first reading last week, passed their remaining stages, and became law:—The Bankruptcy Ordinance, 1931; the Merchant Shipping Amendment (No. 2) Ordinance, 1931; the Vaccination Amendment Ordinance, 1931; and the Legal Practitioners Amendment Ordinance, 1931.

CAIRO RIOTS.

TWO BRITISH ENGINEERS WOUNDED.

TEN PERSONS KILLED.

Cairo, Yesterday.
The elections of first degree delegates, who will eventually return the members of Parliament, opened this morning.

Serious trouble occurred in the Bulak and Shubra quarters, where railway and arsenal workers are striking. Mobs at Bulak attacked and burnt tramcars and buses, and attempted to barricade the streets, pulling down lamp posts. The police were obliged to fire, and it is reported that many rioters were killed.

The movement has spread to the Saptich quarter, near the main railway station.

Britons Involved.
Two British engineers are reported to have been seriously wounded in this morning's rioting.

The casualty list up to now is 10 killed and 86 wounded.—Reuter.

SIR R. ROSS.

MALARIA EXPERT PUBLISHES POETRY.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Sir Ronald Ross, who discovered the real cause of malaria thirty-four years ago, celebrated his seventy-fourth birthday by issuing two books of poetry.

Not only is he a scientist of world-wide fame and a brilliant mathematician, but also a poet of distinction.—British Wireless Service.

MR. SUN FO.

TO RESIGN FROM NANKING MINISTRY.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
The North China Daily News learns that Mr. Sun Fo has decided to resign his position as Minister of Railways.

A message is being drawn up which he will forward to the capital in a day or two. It is also learned that Mr. Sun Fo is contemplating a visit to Canton.—Reuter.

NEW TESTS FOR DEAFNESS.

Gramophone Exercises For Schoolchildren.

Preliminary tests on the hearing of children in one of the L.C.C. schools have been carried out on behalf of the Council by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

The method, which makes use of a gramophone record and headphones, has only recently been introduced into England by workers at the School. If the same proportion of deafness is revealed as has already been recorded by the same workers among the school children of Hornsey, it is estimated that 30,000 children from the L.C.C. schools must be in need of medical attention from this cause.

In the school laboratories I submitted myself to the standard test and succeeded in establishing that my hearing is normal.

Ordinary methods, my informant stated, might easily fail to detect slight degrees of deafness which the new test will discover, so that treatment may be applied before the defect becomes more severe.

Also by the gramophone system, 40 children can be tested in 20 minutes, whereas the usual tests would occupy about 200 minutes. The seriousness of the problem, he added, was best illustrated by the high number of rejections of Army recruits for middle-ear trouble, which is the greatest individual cause of medical rejection.

LONDON'S GUNMEN.

"Scotland Yard Needs Shaking Up."

London, April 19.
A robbery in London has stirred some papers to call for prompt measures to ensure that gunmen's methods are not introduced into the capital of the Empire. A street sweeper in the early hours saw a man helping himself to watches through a shop-window of a watch manufacturer's shop in Kingsway. He went to interfere, but suddenly another man thrust a revolver into his face and gruffly told him to "clear out quick." The bandits then decamped in a motor-car with watches worth £50. The Daily Express, urging the maximum penalties in dealing with such crimes, remarks that every gunman is at heart a coward and a bully. "Let us speak to him in

COURTAULD'S TALE

HUT BURIED BY A BLIZZARD.

SPADE LEFT OUTSIDE.

Angmagsalik, Yesterday.
A shout of "Hallo! All right!" emerging from a small hole in the top of a huge mound of snow, told rescuers that Mr. Courtauld was alive.

The Watkins party of three had toiled many days through snow and ice when they located an enormous ice-covered snow-drift, which was Courtauld's hut. They found a little hole serving as a chimney and shouted down this and breathlessly awaited a reply. The cheery response came immediately, and the rescuers with spades in a quarter of an hour had dug Courtauld out. He was thin, but fit.

Courtauld related that a blizzard two months earlier had buried the hut, and it was impossible for him to dig himself out, among other reasons because he left his spade outside. The only air inlet was the chimney, on which he constantly worked to keep it open. He had been without light for a month, except for an occasional glimmer from a little petrol lamp used to melt snow for drinking water.

He spent the time sleeping, thinking and "keeping my pecker up."—Reuter.

M. BRIAND.

WILL CONTINUE AS FOREIGN MINISTER.

DEFINITE STATEMENT.

Paris, Yesterday.

M. Laval states that the vote of the National Assembly is in no way to be interpreted as directed against the foreign policy of the Governments in recent years, which Parliament has constantly ratified. Moreover, the present Cabinet must formally resign on June 13, when the new President of the Republic will enter office.

M. Laval might therefore ask M. Briand to defer his decision until then. This will enable M. Briand to participate in the important negotiations at Geneva, notably with regard to the Austro-German Customs union, as the Foreign Minister is a permanent delegate of France to the League.

M. Briand in a statement published in the Radical-Socialist newspaper *Republique* says:

"I shall continue to manage foreign affairs as long as I have a majority in the Chamber and Senate."

It is disclosed that M. Briand tendered his resignation this morning, but agreed at the urgent request of his colleagues to withdraw it.—Reuter.

M. Briand will go to-night to Geneva. He declares he will not remain until the end of the negotiations.—Havas.

language that he understands." The News Chronicle declares that Scotland Yard needs shaking up but cannot be shaken up until the present administrative position is regularised and a new and active chief appointed. The Daily Herald, however, says that when Lord Byng returns to London he began one of the most drastic reorganisations that ever affected the London Police. A letter published in that newspaper says that if Sir Charles Tegart were appointed as Lord Byng's successor the Pressmen of London would appreciate his helpfulness and tact. As his tenure of office in Calcutta showed, he realised the value of giving the public a correct impression of events.

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